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## Incumbents challenged for county board seats

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Creating jobs, resolving circuit court funding issues and addressing crumbling county roads were top issues raised by the four candidates vying for seats on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Democrat Roy Spangler is challenging incumbent republican county commissioner Terry Beardslee for his seat on the county board. Shelley Pinkelman, also a republican currently serving on the board, is facing a challenge from democrat H.J. VanderPutten.

Beardslee, who has served four two-year terms on the board, sits on a tri-county committee, which deals with 46th Circuit Court operations. Crawford County and Kalkaska Counties recently prevailed in a case, which reached the Michigan Supreme Court over a funding dispute with court employees and Otsego County.

Beardslee said he would like to settle issues regarding court operations with commissioners from the three counties and the court employees.

"We stood strong and fought that through to the end, and now that we have won in the Supreme Court, we have a lot of loose ends we need to tie up, and

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## American Legion Post updates building facade

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The American Legion Post #106, which has served as a gathering place for Grayling area veterans and the community for over a half century, is receiving a facelift.

Contractors last week started a project placing cultured stone and cedar trim on the front of the American Legion Post building.

"We are just trying to update the appearance of the building and the bricks out front are starting to deteriorate and crumble," said Larkin Baker, a past American Legion Post commander who is overseeing the construction.

Revenues from the lottery ticket machines placed in the post's lounge generated funds for the project, Baker said.

The American Legion currently has 184 members.

The post was built in 1953, largely through labor of post members and donated labor from local construction firms.

"The whole town pitched in to help," said Baker, an Air Force veteran.

The bowling alley was built first, and the post lounge and community room were added later.

American Legion members look forward to having the building upgrades completed in conjunction with the renovations of the former Crawford

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Monte Malonen, foreground, and Rod Dunclekey, employees for Colleen Masonry, place cultured stone on the front the American Legion Post #106.

## Grayling teens killed in tragic automobile crash

The Grayling community is mourning the deaths of two student athletes who were tragically killed in a car accident on Saturday.

Ryan James Davis, 19, and Joshua Leo Mastej, 18, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, as a result of an accident which occurred on White Road north of County Road 612 in Maple Forest Township around 4:18 a.m. The vehicle, driven by Davis, struck a tree, causing the car to catch on fire.

Crawford County Deputy Jason Alexander discovered the vehicle, which was fully engulfed in flames upon his arrival at the accident scene. The Frederic Township Fire Department responded to the scene to put out the blaze.

High speeds and alcohol were believed to be factors in the accident, which remains under investigation.

Davis, is a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School. Davis was a member on the school's golf team, setting school records and participating in several statewide golf tournaments. He attended Ferris State University for professional golf management and Kirtland Community College.

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## Weather vane for fish hatchery building created

The crowning touch for this summer's work at the Grayling Fish Hatchery has been completed.

A five and a half foot tall

weather vane, modeled after the original weather vane at the hatchery, was recently completed by Timothy Gibbons, a designer and CEO for TMG

Ventures of Traverse City, in cooperation with Originals Design & Fabrication of Empire.

The weather vane, which

features a fish hook and a 30-inch long hand crafted grayling, was funded through a

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Timothy Gibbons, a designer and CEO for TMG Ventures of Traverse City, in cooperation with Originals Design & Fabrication of Empire, completed the new weather vane for the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

## Halloween safety tips offered for trick-or-treaters

It's almost time for witches, ghosts and goblins to appear at parties and on neighborhood streets in search of fun and treats.

The Grayling City Police Department has recommended that children and families trick-or-treat in the city from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

In order to make the Halloween holiday safe, the National Fire Protection Association recommends the following tips:

- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.

- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.

- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.

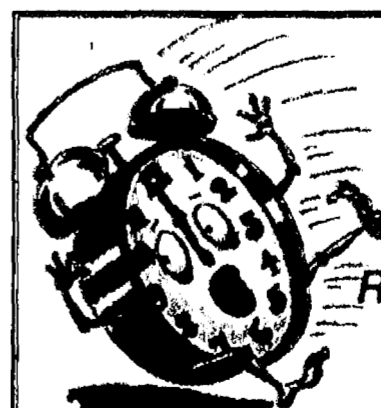
- Use flashlights or battery-operated candles when illuminating Jack-o-lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candle lit Jack-O-Lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights

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### Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time

ends on Sunday, October 29.

Remember to set clocks  
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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

# MSU extension director honored with state award

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A local educator, who has expanded the outreach of programs for children and families, was recently recognized with a statewide award.

Linda Cronk, the director of the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension for Crawford County, was presented with a Meritorious Service Award at the MSU Extension's fall conference.

Cronk is the first person in the state to be recognized with the award.

Tom Coon, the director for the MSU Extension, said professional organizations affiliated with the organization have previously given out awards, but there has been no recognition coming from the Extension administration.

"There are a lot of good people doing a lot of good work for the Extension, and Linda has found some innovative and creative ways to expand the programs the Extension is offering - not only locally - but statewide - that has really stood out," Coon said.

Cronk started as the MSU Extension Director in Crawford County in November, 2004.

Under her leadership, the staff has grown from three employees to having eight employees. She has been able to leverage state and local dollars to add over \$500,000 in federal funds to the local extension office's operating budget.

Cronk has collaborated with local Department of Human Services officials to provide educational programs to parents of infants as well as serving as an outreach to foster parents. The extension office has also spear-



Photo by Dan Sanderson

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headed initiatives to create mentoring relationship between youth, adults, high school and college students through the federal AmeriCorps program.

"Linda has been a huge asset to the county," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. "She's a real go-

getter and has done a lot of work to benefit children and families."

Cronk was nominated for the award by her staff and administrators serving the MSU Extension in Northern Michigan.

"We're certainly proud to have Linda in the role she is serving in Crawford County, and the impact of the programs being seen locally is a testament to her work," said Patrick Cudney, director for MSU Extension's north region.

Cronk attended the MSU

Extension fall conference under the guise that she was receiving another award from the professional organization.

"I saw this as confirmation for the programs that we are providing for the community and the citizens and that felt really good," Cronk said. "There are really a lot of good people doing a lot of good work here to help strengthen families, and it's an honor to work with such a committed group of people."

## New city manager hired

The Grayling City Council unanimously approved and made an employment offer to David A. Thayer for the position of City Manager at a Special Council meeting on Oct. 20. Thayer, the former manager of the Village of Lexington, has accepted and assumed duties on Oct. 23.

Thayer brings to the position over 25 years of public administration experience and holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University.

His experience includes five years of federal government/national non-profit service, 11 years of state government service with the Michigan House of Representatives, seven

years of county government service, and four years of municipal government service.

Thayer stated he carefully considered several employment opportunities and felt that the City of Grayling was the best fit. He acknowledged there are many exciting challenges ahead of him and hopes to make a positive impact on all of the issues.

First on his agenda is to get a grasp on the events that have led to the current state of affairs and to offer plans to move the community forward. His focus will be on getting the various groups involved in the community's commerce working together and improving the quality of life for all its citizens.

## September blood drives

On Sept. 1, the American Red Cross Blood Drive held a special O type blood drive, at St. Mary's Family Center, 25 donors attended. Kimberly Wejrowski was a first time donor. Esther Mullins received a five gallon pin; Raymond Trudgeon received a 10 gallon pin and Joseph Rozenek received a 16 gallon pin.

On Sept. 6, 63 donors came to the American Legion and gallon pins were awarded. Ann Donakowski received a two gallon pin; William Harwood, a three gallon pin; Vicki Royston and Robert Woodland received five gallon pins; Mary Baker, a

10 gallon pin; Marilyn Fick, a 12 gallon pin; and Charlie Fick received a 31 gallon pin.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Another blood drive will be held at Frederic Elementary School, on Thursday, Nov. 2, from noon to 5:45 p.m.

Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110. There is no age limit. At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card. It must be at least 56 days since your last donation.

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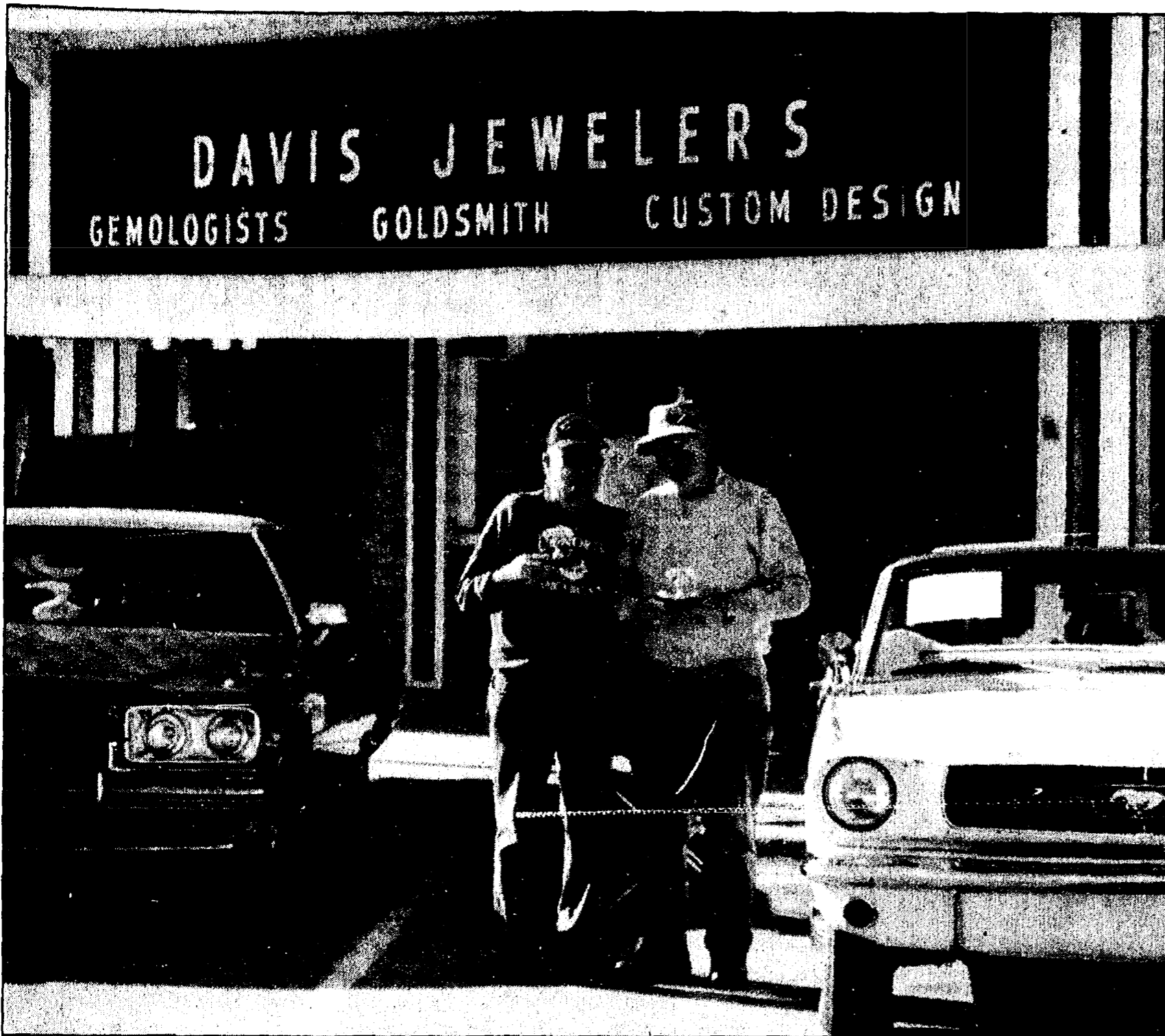
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## Fall Color Tour Car Show winners



Lloyd Berry and Derek McEvers, pictured above, received awards for being among the Top-10 judged entries in the Crawford County Historical Society's Color Tour Car Show held in downtown Grayling earlier this month. Other Top-10 award winners included Carl Hoops, Ralph Schenke, Tom Leski, Sonny Cannaday, Mary and Don Brille, Wendy and Rod Hinkle, Mike Wood, Roxann and Dave Blankenburg. Other awards winners included: Ernie Dawson, the Crawford County Historical Museum's choice award; Carl Hoops, best paint job; Roxann and Dave Blankenburg, best interior; Mary and Don Brille, best engine and best of show award; and Tom Leski, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's choice award.

## Construction firm hired for new animal shelter

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners hired a Houghton Lake-based construction firm last week to build a new shelter for stray animals in the county.

Ten construction firms submitted bids for the new Animal Shelter of Crawford County, which will be located on the Crawford County Fairgrounds property. Four of the firms were interviewed by animal shelter and county officials for further consideration.

Ultimately, after extensive discussion regarding the bid review process, Wakefield Construction of Houghton Lake, was awarded the contract for \$364,570.

AuSable Construction of Grayling, Castle Brothers of Flint and Integrity Construction of Gaylord were the other construction firms considered for the job.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said that all bids were within an \$8,000 range of one another.

Thomas O'Brien, the architect for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County project, recommended Wakefield Construction for the job based on the use of local sub-contractors and building material suppliers.

"That's very, very important to all of us here in Crawford County," said Sharon Priebe, president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. Board of Directors.

Wakefield Construction also did not include a markup on construction costs, meaning the firm will not seek extra funds from the county if unforeseen circumstances occur during the project which could add cost for labor or materials.

"Anything he makes a mistake on, he's going to eat it," County Commissioner Rick Anderson said.

Wakefield Construction also suggested construction alternatives for the job, which eliminated \$18,075 from the initial bids for the contract.

In addition to the bid review interviews, Priebe said she also visited Dr. Paul Mesack, the owner of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, who had Wakefield Construction build his veterinarian clinic.

Priebe said that Mesack was comfortable with the work the firm completed, reviewed shelter building plans and made suggestions for the animal shelter project.

"Having looked at what Dr. Mesack has and what we are trying to achieve, I feel that Wakefield Construction has a better concept of where we are going with this and are very aware of our cost restraints," Priebe said.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners received a \$330,000 loan through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on behalf of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board for the new shelter. The shelter board will repay the bonds issued to pay for construction of the facility over a 20-year period.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., a non-profit agency, has operated the shelter since 1991 when the county decided it would no longer run the shelter due to budget woes.

The current shelter facilities have outlived their usefulness, and are in need of repair and replacement.

The Crawford County Road Commission Board in January extended the lease for the current animal shelter through 2007, but have future plans for the use of the property.

Wakefield Construction will have the shelter completed within seven months. Other firms said they would be able to com-

plete the work in about half the time, but Priebe said the shelter board was comfortable with the construction timeline.

"We know that it is not going to be at a point where it is livable until spring," Priebe said.

Site clearing, which is being completed by Great Lakes Tree

Removal of Grayling, has been completed, and construction is expected to begin this week. T-Rex Fencing of Houghton Lake will erect fencing for the shelter in the next couple of weeks.

"It's gratifying to see this moving forward and we're excited for the animals," Priebe said.



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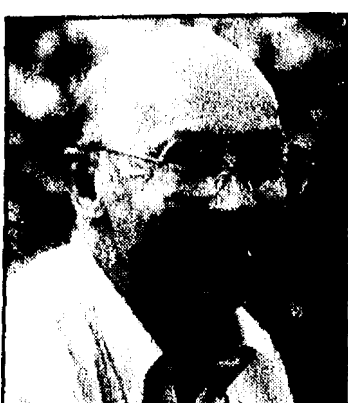
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

### TV advertising dominates campaigning

IT'S NO SURPRISE, but television advertising has taken over statewide political campaigning.

The two gubernatorial candidates are ubiquitous in their endless TV spots, which have been liberally spiced with new ads every few weeks, or even more often.

"It (TV advertising) allows a candidate to put forth a good first impression and talk directly to voters in their living rooms," explained Tom Shields, head of a Lansing based political consulting and marketing firm, who has been advising campaigns and candidates for about 25 years now.

Sure, it's expensive, but one of the wonders of modern politics is that money seems to be available. If dollars don't come from the candidates' own campaign committees, then they're provided by local and national party organizations and interest groups .... and in the case of GOP governor hopeful Dick DeVos from personal and family bankrolls.

TV spots gobble up about 75 percent of statewide campaign

spending, with the rest for radio, newspapers and direct mail, according to Mr. Shields, who works most often for Republican candidates. He didn't say from where those irritating roto-call telephone messages are financed.

MOST TV ADS focus on tearing down an opponent, with maybe a few truths, but mostly half-truths and downright lies intermingling. They demean the entire process of seeking office.

Person to person campaigning — knocking on doors, neighborhood coffees, courthouse square barnstorming, factory gate hand shaking — remain, but these tried and true campaign methods have become less and less important in big races. TV reaches more people in shorter time and less effort. Only money and a strong stomach are required.

It's TV that rules the campaign roost, and station cash registers overflow during campaign season. Newspapers even review new ads, for heaven's sake, discussing content and sometimes applying a "truth test" to them. In

the old days, print media would not even acknowledge the existence of electronic gadgets like radio and TV.

As the electronic and computer worlds continue to develop their reach, who can predict what campaigning will look like in the future. It may come to the day when a candidate may never have to venture outside a studio and control center to reach every constituent electronically in some mysterious way already in development.

Maybe the candidate of tomorrow won't even have to face a single voter face to face.

FIGHTING FOR YOU — The terminology must have tested on a focus group somewhere, but almost every candidate promises to fight for something or other.

They will fight for veterans benefits, or health care, or more jobs, or anything that sounds good to the voter. The overall mantra is: "I'll fight for you."

Maybe that's why nobody gets along in Lansing or Washington. They're all just fulfilling cam-

paign promises. They're fighting all the time.

THAT DARN BRIDGE — Somewhere in Alaska, there's a famous bridge to nowhere.

We've heard about it in election ads all through this campaign season.

In the 7th Congressional primary, TV ads by the right wing Club for Growth in Washington savaged

Republican Congressman Joe Schwarz as a liberal and free spender. He even voted to build "a bridge to nowhere in Alaska," the ads claimed.

In the statewide campaign for US senate, Republican challenger Michael Bouchard puts the free spender tag on Democrat Sen. Debbie Stabenow. She even voted to build "a bridge to nowhere in Alaska," claims a Bouchard ad.

I've done no research, but I am aware of how money often is allocated in Congress. Pork barrel projects are jammed into an omnibus spending bill, which usually sails through Congress

with near-unanimous approval by both parties. Most everybody has a pet project in there somewhere.

I'm guessing the famous "bridge to nowhere" was put into an omnibus spending bill by Alaska's delegation, just as other local projects are hidden in such bills by other delegations, likely including a project or two for Michigan's benefit.

Democrat Stabenow and Republican Schwarz don't often vote the same way on controversial items, but it's likely both voted "yes" on that Alaskan bridge.

CAYMAN CAPITAL — TV ads by the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee tattooed Republican Candidate DeVos for months on his business deals. In a new ad, the Democrats claim Mr. DeVos registered some of his businesses in the Cayman Islands, not an unusual business step in many cases. Democrats then suggest that if elected, Mr. DeVos might move the governor's office to the Caymans, too. Why not move the whole capi-

tal to the Caymans, at least for half the year. Then we could have a real part time legislature — part time in the Caymans, part time in Michigan. I might even return to fulltime political reporting ... at least for the winter sessions.

CORRECTION — In last week's Almanack, I discussed the five statewide proposals on the November 7 ballot. In one instance I misnumbered one proposal.

Proposal Five seeks to establish an annual automatic cost of living increase in state funding for education. In one instance, I wrote that was Number Four, which involves eminent domain, although the text discussed Proposal Five. The correctly labeled eminent domain question was discussed in a different area of the column.

I apologize for the error.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## EDITOR

### Viking fans showed wonderful compassion

To the editor:

There was a wonderful demonstration of compassion by the Viking Football fans who were seated near me at a recent football game.

I was accompanied to the game by a handicapped gentleman who was attending his first ever football game. Assistant Athletic Director Donna Boughner and Bob Vollmer were so helpful by providing rides for

us on their golf carts so we could get to the bleachers.

When we were leaving at the end of the game, several people moved to the edges of their seats so this man could put his hand on their shoulders to help himself up the stairs.

He had a great time and told me that he was excited to be there.

Thank you,  
Renee' Deman

### Unsportsmanlike conduct has far too long been tolerated

To the editor:

After reading Mr. Pindell's Oct. 10 letter to the editor, I feel compelled to say "kudos" Mark. This yearly rash of "unsportsmanlike conduct" has far too long been tolerated. It is no wonder people like us, take so much enjoyment out of just being in the "great outdoors." We have to. Too many times some jerk has lifted our legally placed property. Probably

thinking they can turn a fast buck, or have something for nothing. In either case, they can't ever get back, what they have taken from themselves. Respect and wishes of good luck from at least two hunters.

I am going to join Mr. Pindell with my own private little wish for their future hunting success.

Don Steffes  
Grayling

## Get into the Halloween spirit

(ARA) — Halloween is one of the biggest decorating holidays of the year, second only to Christmas. According to the National Retail Federation, nearly 60 percent of people plan to purchase decorations and 47 percent expect to decorate their home or yard this year. With everyone getting into the Halloween spirit, make your house stand apart from your neighbors' by keeping in mind this year's trends.

"Making homes festive with creative Halloween decorations can be easy and fun for everyone from beginners to advanced crafters," says Susan Atchison, trend expert for Jo-Ann Stores. "This season, cute is in and

creepy is out. Gone are the days of menacing mummies or frightening felines. Cute spiders, goofy monsters and playful witches will be especially hot. Also, décor adorned with sunny and unexpected color pairings such as royal purple mixed with hot green, pink and jack-o'-lantern orange will add extra personality to the inside and outside of your home."

If you're in the mood to embrace the charming side of Halloween this year, check out these easy ideas from Jo-Ann Stores to add a playful and creative touch to your un-haunted house — inside and out:

- Show your trendy side by dressing your table with vibrant-

ly colored place settings that feature friendly spiders made from basic shapes with large animated eyes.

- Accent your mantle with spider votive holders on a yarn table runner to add quirky distinction to party décor.

- For Halloween entertaining, give your guests goofy handmade spider boxes filled with goodies and treats. With wiggle eyes and bright, glittery colors, these little favors are gifts your guests won't soon forget!

- Greet guests and trick-or-treaters with a festive door wreath made with silly monster and jack-o'-lantern faces in a rainbow of colors.

- Colorful lights aren't just for

Christmas anymore. Use strings of lights to decorate outdoor trees and bushes for Halloween. For a fun, friendly feel, add lively and unexpected hues of green and magenta with traditional orange and blacks to bring fresh life to your outdoor lighting.

- Post unique stakes in the yard featuring cute character cutouts to welcome guests (instead of scaring them away!)

- Let kids make their own personalized treat bags this year by easily stitching two pieces of black felt together with a strip at the top for a handle. Glue on ears, eyes and whiskers to make a black cat or use green and orange felt to create a pumpkin.

(Courtesy of ARA Content)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address

and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published. All letters are sub-

ject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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**Community Briefs**  
items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

**Classified ads** by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

**Classified display ads** must be turned in by Monday noon.

**Full page, half page, or color display ads** must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

**The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.**

# BRIEFS

## Finger printing and I.D. clinic to be held

A free finger printing and photo I.D. clinic for children will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the Moose Lodge 1162, 4 Mile Rd. and Old 27. Sponsored by the Women of the Moose, Chapter 827 and the Crawford County Sheriff Dept.

## Travel film presents Lewis and Clark

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 34th season of Travel and Adventure will present Lewis & Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage, on Oct. 26, at the Rialto Theatre. Narrated, in person, by Gary Warriner, the show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

## Local blood drives to be held

Crawford County American Red Cross will hold blood drives on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall; and at the Frederic Elementary School on Thursday, Nov. 2, from noon to 5:45 p.m.

## Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of hot casserole, a sandwich, salad, soup and dessert on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

## Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. There will be a Christmas craft project and refreshments will be served, everyone is welcome. For information call 889-5054.

## Nominations open for 2006 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards

Huron Pines is now accepting nominations for the O.B. Eustis Awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, organizations or businesses that have consistently represented a balanced long-term view of reconciling the protection of the environment with the intelligent use of our natural resources. The nominees may come from the 11 county region of Northeast Michigan including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The winner(s) will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Huron Pines on Feb. 3, 2007.

The award is named for the late O.B. Eustis because his work was an excellent example of balancing environmental and economic concerns. He was widely known and respected as an industrialist, an environmentalist, and a nature columnist. The 2005 winners were the

Montmorency County Tribune (the business category), the Long Lake Improvement Association (organization), and Robert "Bud" Slingerland of Atlanta (individual).

Nomination forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting: Huron Pines, 501 Norway St. Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: (989) 344-0753 x21, or Email: jill@huronpines.org

Nomination forms are due by January 12, 2007.

Huron Pines is a non-profit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams in Northeast Michigan. This is accomplished by developing public/private partnerships to promote resource stewardship and sustainable land use programs, implementing on-the-ground conservation practices, coordinating large-scale resource restoration practices, and enhancing local communities.

## Annual free Diabetes Health Fair planned

More than 18 million Americans suffer from diabetes, a group of diseases characterized by high levels of blood glucose resulting from problems in insulin production or insulin action. And about 5 million of these people are not even aware that they have this potentially deadly condition.

To provide information about diabetes, Mercy Hospital Grayling is offering a free Diabetes Fair from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Featured speaker will be JoAnn Henderson-Collins, a diabetes champion.

Health care professionals from

the hospital will offer:

A healthy snacking presentation/cooking demonstration by registered dietitians; free blood pressure checks; free body fat analysis; exhibits of diabetes supplies; recipe sampling; door prizes; free foot exams; and flu vaccinations for \$25 (if vaccine available)

There is no admission charge for this informative session, but space is limited. People who have Medicare should bring their cards with them because it will cover their flu vaccine. For more information, or to register, please call Mercy Hospital Grayling's Diabetes Education at (989) 348-0455.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Oct. 22, of \$25 each: Tom Coors (2), Jeff Branch, Dennis Henning, Joy Hodges, and Tina Bassett.

### Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner for Oct. 6 of \$100 is Barb Domeik, for Oct. 13 is Charlene Scheer, and for Oct. 20 is Larry McNamara.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters holds Bike for Kids fundraiser



Alyssa Morley stands with the bike she won at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bike for Kids fund raiser, donated by the Grayling Youth Boosters. The event raised money for Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in Crawford County.

Over 30 people participated in the first Big Brothers Big Sisters Bike for Kids fundraiser. They biked seven miles to and from Grayling High School, with a recharge station and turnaround point at Bright and Glory Lakes.

Afterwards there was pizza and the participants were given freebies from local businesses.

There were also chances to win various raffle prizes, including a free child and adult bike. The winner of the child's bike was Alyssa Morley of Grayling. The winner of the adult bike was Jeff Parkinson, but he graciously gave it back to BBBS (Big Brothers Big Sisters) to give it to a deserving child.

## Arbor Day mini-grants available

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance are now accepting applications for Arbor Day mini-grants. The grants are available through the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry program with funding from the USDA Forest Service.

The goal of the program is to highlight Arbor Day (April 27, 2007), the value of trees and forests, and improve the quality of life in communities. Grants may be used for planting trees on public lands, staging Arbor Day celebrations or purchasing natural resource-related materials for libraries.

Local units of government (city, township, village) public educational institutions (K-12, college, university), public libraries, non-profit organizations, neighborhood organizations (501(c)3 or equivalent, churches and tribes are eligible to apply. Grant applications and information packets are available from the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance at <http://www.miarbordayalliance.org>, or by calling 517-337-4999.

Applications must be received by Nov. 17, 2006. Fifty grants will be awarded through a random selection process. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2007, and grant money will be paid upon completion of the project. All grants require matching funds equal to the awarded amount. The match may be made up of other funding or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds. Grants up to \$200 may be requested.

For more information regarding Arbor Day or the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program, contact Kevin Sayers, Urban and Community Forester, at 517-241-4632, or visit <http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf>.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grayling City Police Department would like to remind citizens about two city ordinances.

1. City Ordinance 69-1 section 6 prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am. Vehicles found on the streets during this time may be ticketed and/or towed. It is especially important to keep the streets clear in order to facilitate snow plowing during the winter months. Snow will soon be here and staying. Vehicle owners should be aware that the Police Department will soon begin enforcing the ordinance.

2. City Ordinance 02-01, prohibits the accumulation of any kind of refuse or associated material upon the right-of-way of city streets. Trash, including yard waste, may not be placed in the right-of-way until noon of the day prior to the scheduled pickup. Trash receptacles must be removed from the right-of-way no later than mid-night of the day in which items are picked up.

The City of Grayling appreciates the cooperation of its citizens in these matters.

Karl A. Schreiner  
Chief of Police

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# The Bible Speaks

## Justification of Abraham

In Romans 3:19-26 we studied how God's justification is all of God's grace through faith in the righteous life, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is imputed to us for forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation. In Romans 3:27-31 we studied how all challenges to God's justification are rejected. Now in Romans 4 God uses two men, Abraham and David to illustrate that God's salvation is the same from Genesis to Revelation, for all nations, all ages, and all individuals.

First, there is the question in Romans 4:1 of Abraham's flesh, what did Abraham's flesh have to do with his justification before God? "What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?" Abraham is considered a religious father by three world religions, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. But as Galatians 3:16 states: "16Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." As Jesus said in John 6:63: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing;

the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Being a descendent of Abraham's flesh can save no one. As Romans 8:8,9 state: "8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Second, there is a question in Romans 4:2 of Abraham's favor, did Abraham do anything to earn God's favor in justification? "2For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God." Romans 4:2 reminds us Abraham's works brought him no glory or favor before God. As 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 says: 27But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29That no flesh should glory in his presence."

Third, there is a question in Romans 4:3 of Abraham's faith, and the place his faith had in his justification or salvation. "3For what saith the scripture? Abraham

believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." God's Holy Scriptures give God's final word on Abraham's justification in Genesis 15:6: "6And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." As Galatians 3:6-8 repeats: "6Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." As Jesus Christ said in John 8:56: "56Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad." From Hebrews 11:17-19 we read: "17By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." Pastor "B"

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I-75 Bus. Loop Grayling,  
Ph. 348-2269

## OBITUARIES



**Ryan J. Davis**

Mar. 17, 1987 - Oct. 21, 2006  
Ryan James Davis, 19, of Grayling, passed away suddenly in an automobile accident on October 21, 2006.

Ryan was born on March 17, 1987, to Wayne and Jill (Howard) Davis.

He was a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School and attended Ferris State University for Professional Golf Management and Kirtland Community College. Ryan had a cheerful attitude and loved sports from a very young age and into adulthood. He actively participated in baseball, soccer, football, and basketball, but truly loved golf. He played varsity golf all four years of high school, setting records and participating in several state level competitions. In a close second for love of the game was baseball, of which he also played varsity all four years, adult leagues and the vintage baseball league with his father.

He is survived by his parents, Wayne (Nancy) Davis and Jill (Brian) Andersen all of Grayling; brother, Justin Davis (Mary Wingfield) of Grand Rapids; sisters, Samantha Davis (Mick Clark) of Grayling, and Elizabeth Andersen of Lansing; grandmothers, Helen Davis of Warren, Jeanne Carlson of Roscommon, Betty Clark of Mt. Pleasant, and Yvonne Andersen of Grayling; grandfather, Bruce Andersen of Interlochen; niece and nephew, Paige and Ayden Clark of Grayling; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Donald Davis, Jesse Carlson, Paul Clark, and James Howard, and uncle, Gary Nettleton.

Funeral service held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, October 25, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Rev. Carl Davis officiating.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Grayling High School baseball or golf program. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Rick A. Gaertner

Rick A. Gaertner, 47, of Traverse City, formerly of Grayling, passed away on October 19, 2006. A memorial service was held on October 22, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



**Joshua L. Mastey**

Oct. 26, 1987 - Oct. 21, 2006  
Joshua Leo Mastey, 18, of Grayling, passed away suddenly in an automobile accident on October 21, 2006.

Josh was born on October 26, 1987, in Detroit, to Adrian Joy (Kurpiewski) and John Mastey.

He moved to the Grayling area when he was in second grade and was a 2006 graduate of Grayling High School. He was an outgoing young man who loved sports and outdoor activities. During his school years he played football and basketball, but the sport that he truly loved and excelled in was baseball and won many awards for his catching abilities. He loved hunting and fishing, living on the farm, and school. He worked at the Gray Rock Cafe as a cook.

He is survived by his father, John Mastey; sister, Jennifer (Keith) Procnier; brother, Brian of Grayling; niece, Kaden Procnier; and grandfather, John E. Mastey.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Adrian Joy Mastey, in 2001.

Funeral service held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, October 25, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Michael Hable

Michael Hable, 54, of Grayling, passed away on October 17, 2006. A family graveside service was held on October 21, at Beaver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

### Sentencings for Sept. 2006

#### Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Kenneth Michael Kalicke, age 48 of Warren - Found guilty for a probation violation on Aug. 10, 2006; sentenced on Sept. 8, 2006 to serve 270 days with credit for 71 days served.

Larry Allen Love, age 27 of Frederic - Plead guilty on Aug. 10, 2006 to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Sept. 8, 2006 to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 94 days served; ordered to pay \$86.42 in restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; additional restitution to be determined.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Oct. 27 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, zucchini, and mandarin oranges. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Oct. 30 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, peaches, and apple. Dinner - taco salad with lettuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn, and tropical fruit salad. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Lunch - hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and mixed fruit. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and pears. 10 a.m. tenant council meeting, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, asparagus, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - western omelet, O'Brien potatoes, fresh fruit medley, muffin, and orange.

Thursday, Nov. 2 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken with rice, broccoli, cauliflower, and pineapple. Dinner - roast pork, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, and apple sauce.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of Oct. 16 - Oct. 22.

One hazardous-spill-leak-power line, four false alarms, three criminal sexual conducts/sexual assaults, one assault and battery/simple assault, three larcenies, one non-sufficient funds check, one damage to property, seven public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, one invasion of privacy/wiretap, one runaway, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, two motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, three civil matters/family disputes, 17 suspicious situations, 17 general non-criminal complaints and four driving violations/driving while license suspended.

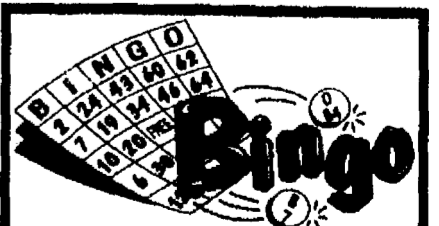
Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Devereaux Memorial Library

Come and see the best carved and painted pumpkins in Crawford County at The Great Pumpkin Jack O' Lantern contest, Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. The pumpkins will be submitted by the Grayling High School art students and will be judged Monday, Oct. 30, at 3:30 p.m.



Sunday - 1:00 pm  
**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. • Suite 103 • Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: [www.mmu-umc.org](http://www.mmu-umc.org)  
Barrier Free

Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) ..... 11 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Jorgensen  
Phone 989-348-1909  
Services held Saturday at  
Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
(Just building on right inside camp entrance)  
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
(Bible based & non-denominational)  
Pastor Larry Hankins  
Associate Pastor Tom Faunce  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells  
989-348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Rick Secord - Pastor  
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth ..... 9:30 am

**Harvest Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
[hertsbaptist@grayling.org](mailto:hertsbaptist@grayling.org)  
(841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Pastor Gary Weidman  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage 348-7466

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night-Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

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Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hansen

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God**  
Pastor Donald Goff  
Associate Pastor Fred Albers  
Meeting in the Primary School

Sunday ..... 10:30 am

**This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche at 348-6811, to be included on this page.**

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Sunday Mornings on

TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10:10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.  
Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Stader  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor John Scott  
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
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## Legg, Gerkin wed



**Teresa Legg and Matthew Gerkin**

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Matt is the son of Stephen Gerkin and Shelia Vincent of Roscommon and the grandson of Richard and Alice Vincent of Houghton Lake.

Attendants of the bride and groom were Tracy Rice of Iron

Mountain, Cheryl Papendick of Traverse City, Jeremy Spradlin of Ga., Mark Gerkin of Davison, and Brian Legg of Iron Mountain.

A reception with 75 of their close friends and family immediately followed the wedding.

The couple honeymooned at Sandals Grande Ocho Rios Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Teresa is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and is a registered nurse at Munson Medical Center.

Matt is a 1998 graduate of Houghton Lake High School and is a firefighter and student.

## Smith, Stirrett wed



**Ester Smith and Andrew Stirrett**

On Sept. 9, 2006 Andrew W. Stirrett and Ester J. Smith were joined in marriage. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Richard Duprey, lifelong friend of the bride, at the home of the bride's parents in Houghton Lake.

Among other close friends and family in attendance were the groom's mother and step-father,

Karen and Jay Brewer, and the parents of the bride, Guy and Deborah Smith.

Andrew is a Specialist in the U.S. Army. Ester has worked as an AmeriCorps member with 4-H Mentoring in Crawford County for the past year, and is a student in Kalamazoo. The two will live together in Alaska, where Spc. Stirrett is stationed.

## Shepard's celebrate 50 years



**Marja and Russell Shepard**

Russell and Marja Shepard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1, 2006. They were married at the Bath Methodist Church, in Bath on Sept. 1, 1956.

They have two children, Russell, who lives in Grand Rapids and Leeann, who lives in Gaylord; six grandchildren: Brian, Michelle, Christi and Emily Dunckley, and Rachael and Sydney Shepard.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 is as follows:

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Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Oct. 26 - Nov. 1.

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Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd., and on the east by Carrier Rd. Oct. 27 - 28.

Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., and south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Oct. 27 - 28.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on Oct. 27 - 28, Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and

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# Grayling teens killed in tragic automobile crash

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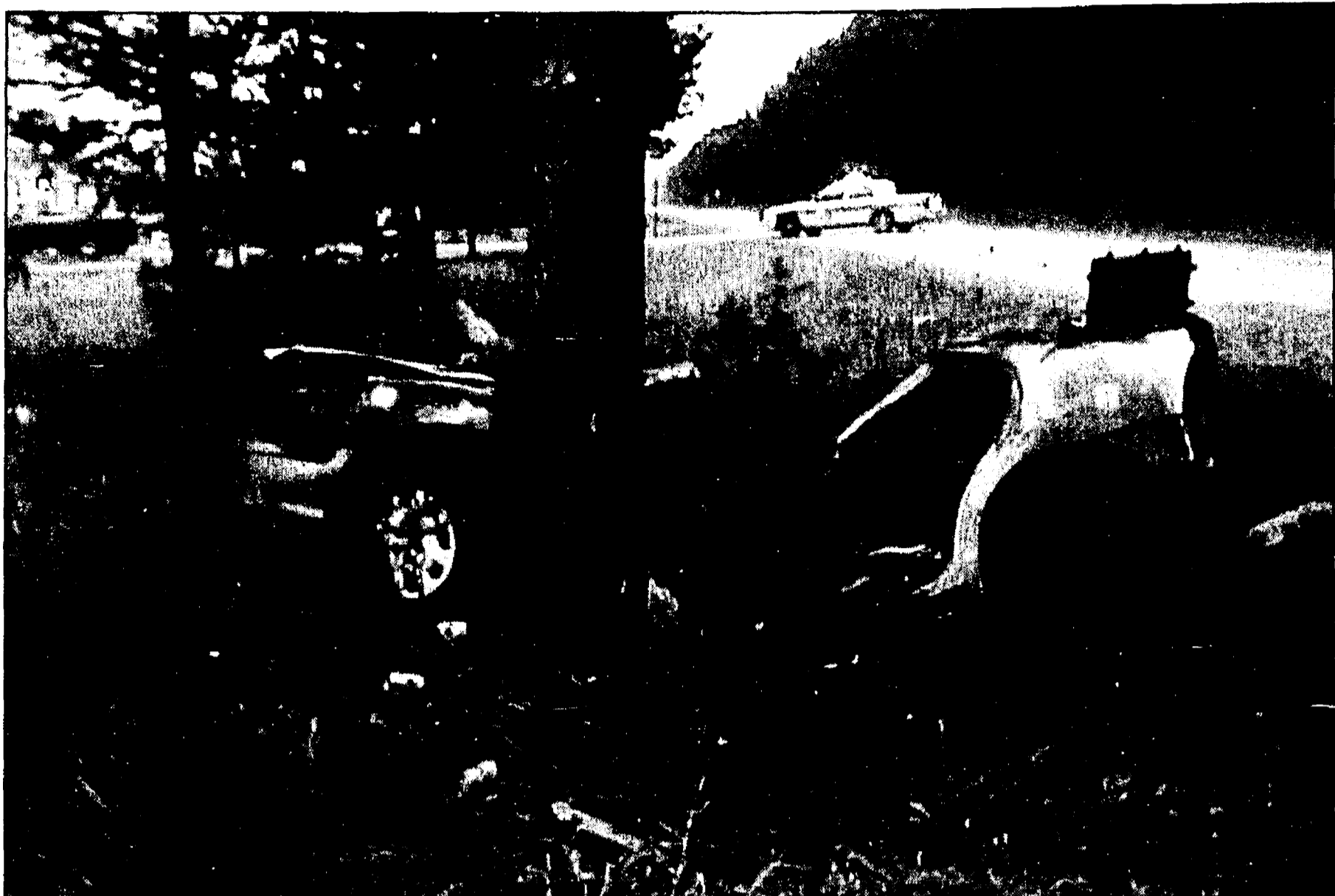
Mastej is a 2006 graduate of Grayling High School. He loved and excelled at baseball and won many awards for his catching abilities. Funeral services for Davis and Mastej were

scheduled to be held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Counselors held special sessions with students at the high school to help them deal

with the tragedy.

"Something like this effects the whole community in every little corner and we have to try to deal with it and get through this," said Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.



Ryan James Davis, 19, and Joshua Leo Mastej, 18, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, as a result of an accident which occurred on White Road north of County Road 612 in Maple Forest Township around 4:18 a.m. The vehicle, driven by Davis, struck a tree, causing the car to catch on fire.

## Incumbents challenged for county board seats

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hopefully, we save the taxpayers some money," Beardslee said.

Pinkelman said she is also trying to retain her seat on the board to address court opera-

tions and other issues facing the county.

"We are so close, and we need to be proactive to address these issues so we can come up with a solution that will be positive for everyone," said Pinkelman, who has also served four two-year terms on the board.

Spangler, a retired Michigan State University Extension director for Crawford and Roscommon Counties, said he still wants to continue serving the public.

"I've always wanted to be a county commissioner, and I have a lot of knowledge working with local units of government for 32 years and I'm an advocate for creating jobs and economic development," said Spangler, who has served on the Kirtland Community College Board for 16 years.

VanderPutten, who served on the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for 16 years, feels that his background can benefit the community at the commissioner's table.

"I just think there is some-

thing I can still add to county government," said

VanderPutten, a retired insurance agent who moved to Crawford County in 1999.

All candidates cited job creation and economic development as the top issues facing the county.

"Our people can't take any more of a tax burden, so we need to try to bring in more industry, more people and try to grow tax base and the community," Beardslee said.

Spangler believes the county needs to devote more resources to the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

"The county has to step up to the plate and provide more financing for the partnership that they have with the city, township and everybody else," Spangler said.

Pinkelman also said the county needs to be proactive recruiting business to the county.

"We needed to have that structure in place, helping businesses come in if that does come

into play," Pinkelman said.

VanderPutten said he would like to see more financial support for law enforcement.

"Most local law enforcement agencies are short manned right now," he said.

Providing additional services for seniors and low-income citizens was also an issue raised by candidates for the two board seats.

"We have to stay active on these committees we are on so we can bring some money back to the county," Beardslee said.

Supporting the Crawford County Road Commission and finding funds for road repairs was another issue raised by the candidates.

"Something is going to have to be done because some of the roads are terrible and its going to be quite a ways down the road before they are going to be repaired," VanderPutten said.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Grayling City Hall or at the six township halls in the county.

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## Weather vane for fish hatchery building created

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Enterprise Grant and local matching funds.

"It was fun to work on, and should last for years," said Gibbons, who has been involved in the hatchery museum project for some time.

Gibbons interest in the hatch-

ery developed years ago when he would visit relatives in Grayling.

"It was natural that I would, as a graphic artist, want to be involved in such an exciting project" he said.

Gibbons and his collaborator, Curtis Warnes of Originals Design & Fabrication, spent over 100 hours on the project.

As a work of art, they expect to have smaller versions of the weather vane to be available for collectors soon.

The original Hatchery weather vane is on loan to the Crawford County Historical Museum.

The USDA grant and local donations also paid for a new roof for the hatchery building and to paint the exterior.

## American Legion Post updates building facade

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County Library, which will become a local nature center, and the project wrapping up in the Grayling City Park.

"We are just trying to keep up with the times and wanted to do our part to make Grayling look nice," said Steve Green, the current commander for the

American Legion Post #106.

Grayling based Collen Masonry was hired for the project.

Employees for the firm said they appreciate being able to work on a job at a place which serves local veterans.

"We know just about everybody in here," said Monte

Malonen, a Collen Masonry employee.

Todd Collen, the owner of Collen Masonry, plays in the Friday night bowling league at the American Legion.

"This is a great place for the community and a great place for the kids to learn to bowl," Collen said.

## Halloween safety tips offered for trick-or-treaters

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when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

• Instruct children to stay away

from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire.

(Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and

over to extinguish flames.) Cool the burn.

• Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

# Safety concerns raised about older drivers

by John Bronze  
Capitol News Service

Tom Casperson knows all too well that some people don't belong on the road.

The Republican representative from Escanaba was driving a logging truck in the Upper Peninsula when an 83-year-old man drove into the side of his truck.

"He admitted he didn't even see me. Luckily, I had time to swerve a little and not hurt him," said Casperson, a member of the House Transportation Committee. "He had no family here to drive him anywhere, so he had to do it all himself."

Other drivers aren't so lucky. For example, two elderly drivers died in August 2006 and November 2005 near the I-75 and M-127 interchange at Grayling. Both drivers mistakenly thought they were on a highway but actually were on an exit.

Such problems may increase because of the elderly population in Michigan, expected to double in the next 20 years, while roads becoming more congested, highway safety experts say. A number of groups is looking at ways to improve driving for people 65 and older.

"A 27-year-old is less likely to die from the same accident a 77-year-old would because their body is more fragile," said Elinor Ginzler, director for livable communities at AARP. "We need to minimize risks by states creating effective screening and identifying at-risk drivers, improving the travel environment and individual responsibility, such as refresher courses for drivers, friends and family."

Currently, Illinois and New Hampshire require mandatory testing starting at age 75 for license renewals. Ten other states require a physician's note after age 65. Michigan is not among them.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) developed a type face for road signs that is 65 percent clearer and easier to read and is installing rumble strips on highways and larger traffic signals to help older drivers.

Pedestrians also feel safer with countdown traffic signals. These signals start at 10 and count down to zero to let pedestrians know how much time is left before a light turns.

Also, Bob Felt, MDOT communications specialist, said the department is working on M-32 in Gaylord to create one entrance to multiple shopping centers.

"The less entry points you have to an establishment the less accidents you have," Felt said. "The traffic usually meets at one stoplight."

In addition, AARP offers safe-driving courses around the state to anyone over 50. Sessions are scheduled for at 9 a.m. Nov. 1-2 in Petoskey, 10 a.m. Nov. 6 and 8 in Bay City and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 13 and 15 in Traverse City. The class lasts four hours. The fee is \$10.

The class also available online. For information contact AARP at 888-AARP-NOW or online at [www.aarp.org/fami-](http://www.aarp.org/fami-)

## Driving Quiz

- 1) Drivers aged 55 and over, compared with drivers aged 30-54, are involved in:
  - a) More accidents per mile
  - b) About the same number of accidents per mile
  - c) Less accidents per mile
  - d) It varies each year
- 2) The traffic light ahead is green when you first see it. You should:
  - a) Speed up to make the green light before it turns yellow
  - b) Slow down and wait for the light to turn red
  - c) Proceed with caution and be prepared to stop
  - d) Both (a) and (c) are correct
- 3) You want to change lanes. You can see if another vehicle is in your blind spot:
  - a) Only if you check your rearview mirror
  - b) Only if you check your sideview mirror
  - c) Only if you turn and glance over your shoulder
  - d) Only if you check both mirrors
- 4) The best response to a "Roadwork Ahead" sign is to:
  - a) Continue driving at the posted speed limit and look for the roadwork
  - b) Look for the roadwork
  - c) Slow down and look for the roadwork
  - d) Brake and be prepared to stop
- 5) If you take medication before driving, the most important thing for you to do is:
  - a) Have another person ride with you
  - b) Be sure to eat a light meal
  - c) Plan on making several rest stops along the way
  - d) Find out the effects of the medication, and adjust your driving accordingly
- 6) When following a vehicle under good road conditions, the measure to use is:
  - a) 1 car length for every ten miles per hour you are traveling
  - b) 2-second following distance
  - c) 3-second following distance
  - d) 10 feet for every ten miles per hour you are traveling
- 7) When backing up, it is usually best to:
  - a) Open the left door and look back
  - b) Steer with one hand, while looking into the rearview mirror
  - c) Steer with one hand, while looking out the rear window
  - d) Steer with both hands while looking into the rearview mirror
- 8) Frequent use of mirrors on a car is especially important for those driver who:
  - a) Drive a lot on highways
  - b) Have hearing problems
  - c) Drive a lot at night
  - d) Are driving unfamiliar cars
- 9) What is the Number one traffic violation committed by drivers aged 50 and over?
  - a) Speeding
  - b) Following too closely
  - c) Failure to observe right-of-way
  - d) Running a stop sign
- 10) What is the Number two traffic violation committed by drivers aged 50 and over?
  - a) Speeding
  - b) Improper left turn
  - c) Tailgating
  - d) Running a stop sign

Answers: 1)a 2)c 3)c 4)c 5)d 6)c 7)c 8)b 9)c 10)b

lies/driver safety.

Ginzler said, "The class refreshes drivers on how to merge with traffic, anti-lock brakes, and reflects the changing among the times such as dealing with road-rage and warning signs."

AA of Michigan programs include an instructional lecture called "The Elder, Wiser Driver," which helps drivers adjust to physical limitations such as slower response time and limited night vision. AAA also offers a DVD, "Road Lies" with a review test of driving skills and cognitive abilities. Carfit, a joint program with AARP, helps seniors determine if their mirrors and seat are set correctly tips on how to fit the car to the driver's specifications.

Education of younger generations is also important, AAA says. It encourages children and grandchildren to talk about, when to take away an older rel-

ative's car keys.

"Start early and be creative," said Jack Peet AAA manager for community safety services.

As an example he said: "A co-worker convinced his aunt to give her car to her niece because they would see each other more. The niece needed a car and if she needed to go anywhere the niece would take her."

Peet suggested taking the bus with older relatives because it becomes less scary and helps them transition into using public transportation.

Gogebic County, in the Upper Peninsula, is using tax dollars creatively. Casperson said, citing a voucher system that pays for seniors to take a cab or bus to doctors' appointments.

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# Do cougars live here?

by Chris Jackett  
Capital News Service

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy insists cougars are in Michigan, but the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants more evidence.

Cougars have been reported and documented by more than 20,000 residents, plus 100 DNR employees, in the state over the past 20 years, the conservancy said. However, the DNR doesn't recognize them as living in Michigan.

"It hasn't been in the DNR's interest that there's cougars," said Dennis Fijalkowski, executive director of the conservancy. "Since 1985, we've known about cougars."

He estimated that more than 100 cougars live in the state.

Fijalkowski said that there may be a financial reason the DNR won't acknowledge their existence. Because the cougar is a federally endangered animal, the DNR would be required to help protect them.

"It's a monopoly. Since 1921, they've had sole ownership of the wildlife population in Michigan," Fijalkowski said of DNR. "When someone talks about wildlife, they think of the DNR."

"Everyone turns to them for the authority. It builds enormous power in bureaucracy."

The cougar population hasn't grown much in the past two decades because of a genetic problem from inbreeding, he said.

Cougars survived the early 20th century in remote, privately owned areas in the Upper Peninsula and the north-eastern quadrant of the Lower Peninsula, Fijalkowski said. Both areas were kept forested for deer and wildlife, and cougars survived long enough to follow their prey south in the late 1950s, Fijalkowski said.

He said he is concerned that the cougars will meet with those expanding out of the Appalachians, moving west through Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky and making their way up the Western Wildlife Corridor toward Michigan.

"If that is so, the cougars from the Appalachians have different genetic stock and can add new genetic material to the Michigan population," Fijalkowski said. "We could see reproduction in just two to three years throughout southern Michigan and northern Ohio. If that's the case, we'd better do something."

If the cougar population grows larger than 300 in the state, there could be serious

problems with cougars threatening people and their pets, because of population density in southern Michigan, he said.

Battle Creek and Bay City have declared public safety alerts because police have seen the animals in town, and cougars have been killing cats, dogs and, occasionally, horses.

Raymond Rustem, supervisor of the Natural Heritage Unit of the DNR, insists that those killings were investigated and could not be confirmed as cougar attacks.

Rustem attributes many of the cougar reports to large dogs or jaguarundi, exotic cats that resemble smaller cougars. Jaguarundi, allowed as licensed pets in Michigan, live primarily in South America and don't live in the wild much north of southern Texas.

It's been illegal to keep cougars as pets since 1989, and only one is currently licensed in Michigan. Cougars have a 16- to 17-year life span in captivity. Rustem said the DNR confiscated a pair of illegally held cougars in southeastern Michigan as part of an exotic pet trade.

DNR suggest that cougars also may have traveled more than 1,000 miles from South Dakota to Berrien County in southwestern Michigan.

Fijalkowski responds that neither of the scenarios are viable, and that it would take 200 years for cougars to expand from the southwestern corner of South Dakota to Berrien County because female cougars travel no more than five to six miles away from other adult females. The 1,048-mile journey would have to have been made by males only, who have been known to travel 500 to 600 miles in their lifetime, but then were unable to reproduce. The South Dakota group was not discovered until 1990.

Douglas Edwards, the Houghton County prosecutor, encountered a cougar a few years ago near Lake Linden, about 10 miles north of Michigan Technological University.

"I was on the way to work at about 8:30 in the morning and it crossed the road in front of me. There was a warning on the radio that a cougar was sighted in Hancock by two ladies who were jogging."

"I laughed, and a quarter-mile from my house I saw it and said, 'What is that?'"

"I slowed down, looking in the woods, and it was sitting on his hind legs 20 to 30 feet away. I called a buddy who was a trapper and he said it was a cougar. It had a black tip on its tail, about a 90 to 100-pounder."

Fijalkowski also said that a cougar followed a volunteer along a hiking trail at Sleeping Bear Dunes in Leelanau County for 20 minutes in September 2003. The park has posted warnings and conducted studies of potential cougar interaction.

DNR's Rustem said that there have been hair and scat analysis determined to be from cougars, but those tests did not test where they came from, suggesting that some cougars may simply be "passing through." However, DNR surveys wolf and bear tracks, and said that many people use dogs to hunt other animals, but have not encountered cougars.

"We should be able to detect them in one of those ways," Rustem said. "We haven't had any road kills. North Dakota and Florida have killed cougars in road kills. They have much lower densities of roads than Michigan."

"We're looking for physical evidence. We haven't gotten any really good photographs or videos," he said.

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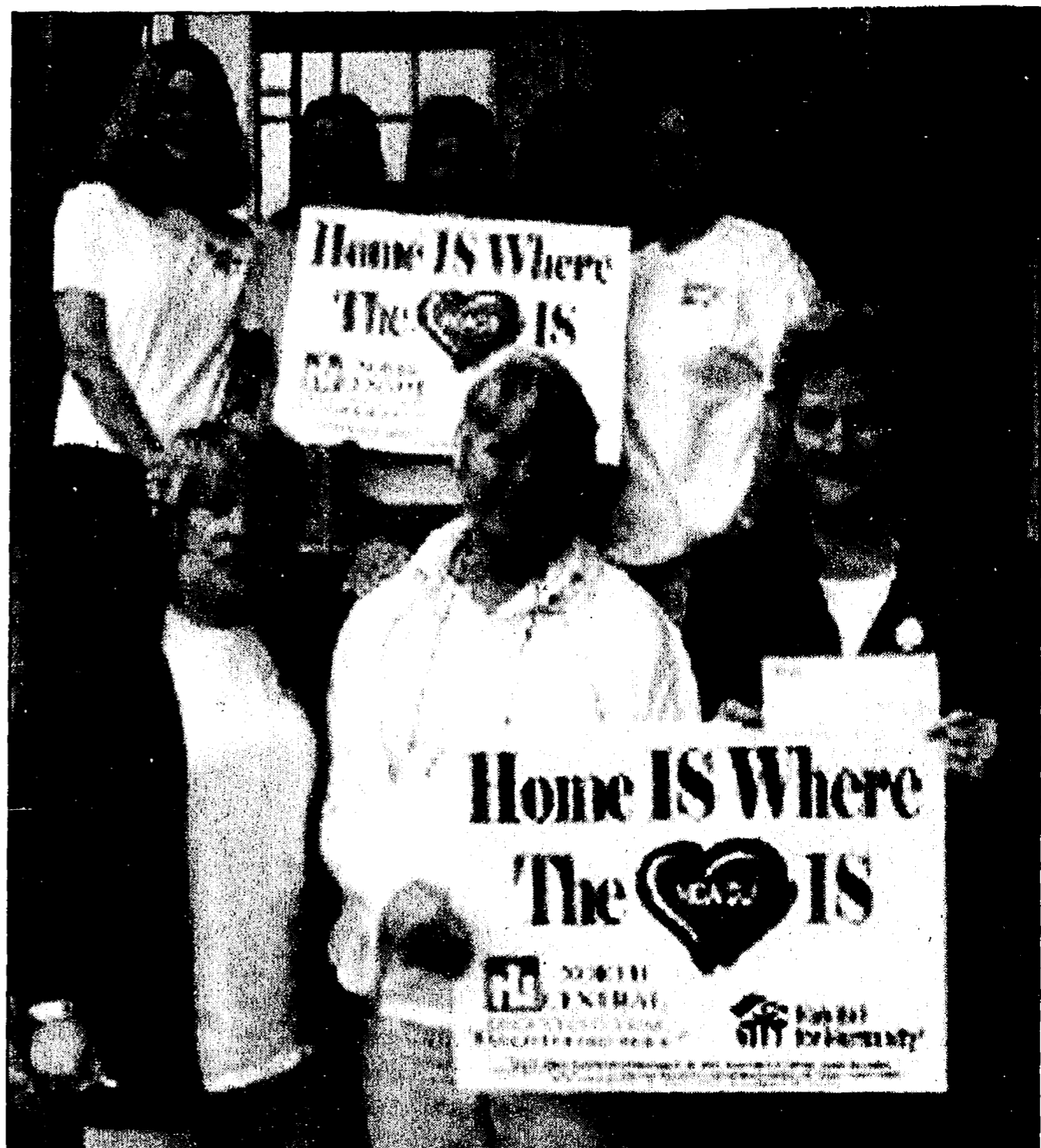
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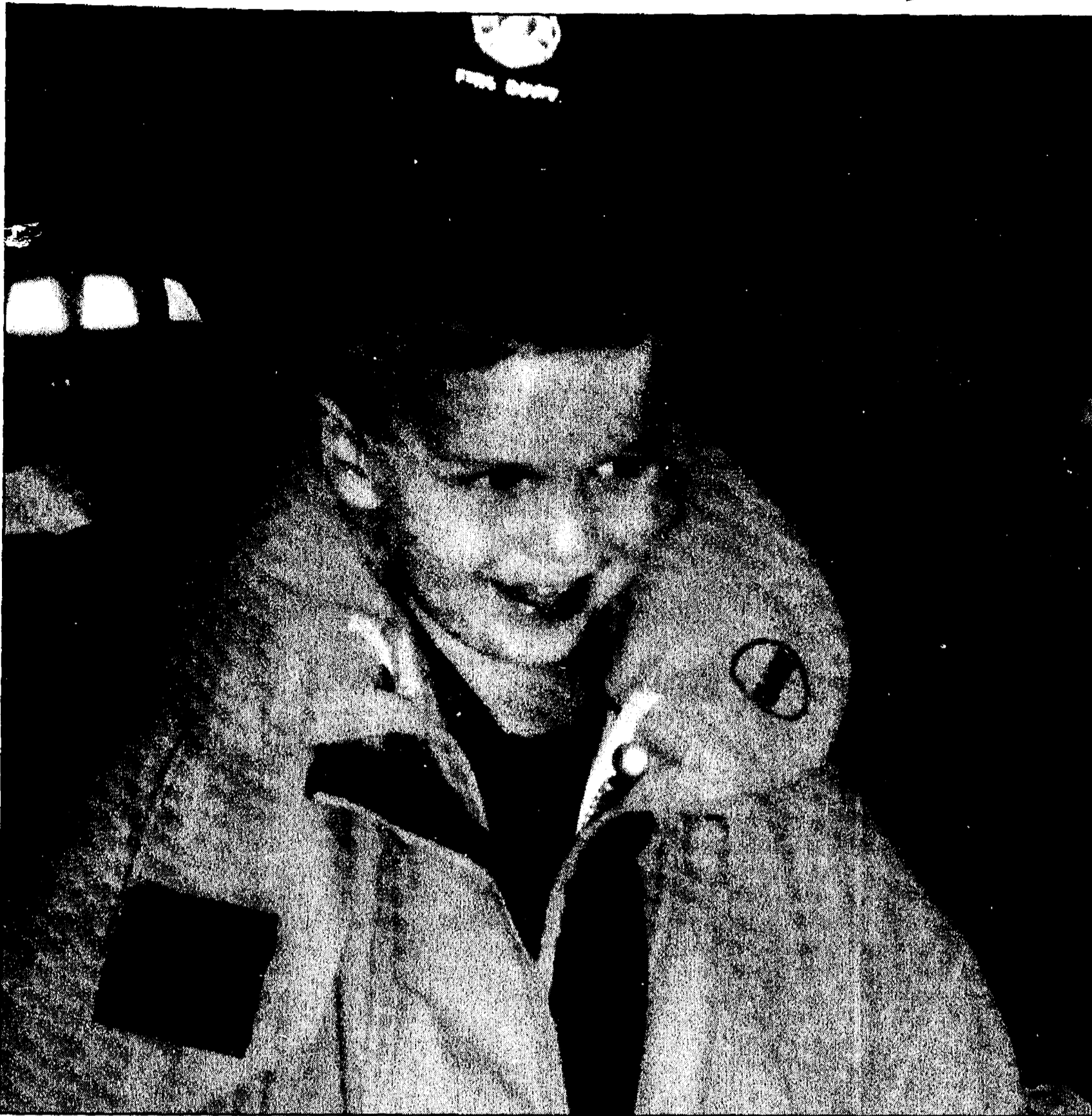
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## Fire safety is a hot topic



Students from the Grayling Cooperative Preschool learned about fire safety last week. Students from the 4-year-old class visited the Grayling City/Township Fire Station to see the fire trucks and fire gear up close. Teacher Angie Huber tried on the fire gear for the students as they learned the use for each piece of equipment. Firefighters from the department also paid a visit to the preschool to teach the 3-year-old class about 911 and how to stop, drop and roll. Above, Ethan Dannenberg modeled a fireman's coat during the safety program.

## Experts to seek methods to improve residents health

by Brianna McVicar  
Capital News Service

Officials from Michigan's public health agencies will converge for a conference with one goal in mind: improving the health of state residents.

About 400 health professionals from at least 10 state and federal agencies will meet Oct. 18-19 in Gaylord to discuss how public health agencies deal with chronic disease prevention, environmental health, emergency preparedness, maternal and child health and nutrition and physical activity.

"This is an opportunity for people to look at how we can continue to move forward in the area of public health," said Linda VanGills, health director for the district of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health that serves Mason, Lake and Wexford counties.

Officials will participate in workshops seeking alternative solutions for public health issues and modifying existing programs, VanGills said. This will be accomplished as experts share knowledge and ideas, she added.

"I think the key is having your partners on the same page," VanGills said.

Dr. James Wilson, medical director for the same district as VanGills, said he hoped the conference would draw more attention to public health. Little attention is paid to public health until there is a severe problem, he added.

"It's a good place to find out what's going on," he said.

Teen smoking, unintended pregnancies and an underinsured population are among the problems his district faces, Wilson said.

Mark Bertler, executive director for the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, said the conference is important because it brings all of the state's public health experts together in one location. In the past, Bertler added, most state health organizations held separate conferences.

The impact of chronic diseases, vaccine shortages and food poisoning are some of the issues that public health agencies deal with on a daily basis,

he said.

Bertler said he will participate in a workshop that will examine whether the state's public health code--which hasn't changed since 1978--is out of date and needs to be updated in order to better deal with evolving public health issues.

"We think it's important to do a review," he said.

The conference also will honor health programs throughout the state.

Kevin Hughes, health education manager for the district that serves Mason, Lake and Wexford counties, will receive an award for the Girls on the Run Program, which he oversees.

The program, which serves third-through fifth-graders, fights child obesity and teaches girls about nutrition and mental and physical health, Hughes said. The girls can develop healthy habits that they carry on to adulthood, he added.

"Our hope is they will continue to do those things as they progress through life," Hughes said.

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## Graying City Police to host crime prevention sessions

The Graying City Police Department is taking steps to help business owners combat crime.

The Graying City Police Department is hosting two crime prevention workshops for small business from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Graying City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard.

Business owners and managers of small business are encouraged to attend the workshop, which are being offered free of charge, so they can reduce losses, liability and recognize risk factors that threaten the business owner or manager's personal safety.

Graying City Police Officer Tim Coe, a certified crime prevention specialist, and other officers from the department will be the presenters at the workshops.

Topics covered at the workshops will include armed robbery, response and prevention and alarms. Officers will also go

over current trends involving fraudulent activities, bad checks, shoplifting, counterfeit money, break-ins and identity theft. The workshops will also feature information regarding business policies and practices, policy manuals and guides, alarms and alarm systems, emergency preparedness plans and employee training. Finally, officers will present information on business crime watch programs and resources for crime prevention.

"I am confident that business owners will find the information presented at the workshops beneficial and their time to attend the workshops well spent," said Graying City Police Chief Karl Schreiner. "The Graying City Police Department looks forward to working with our business community in making Graying a safer place to live and work."

To register for the workshops or for more information, contact the Graying City Police Department at 348-4621.

## Free clinic passes one year milestone

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc., passed the milestone of one year of operation on Aug. 18. In the year since the doors opened, the clinic had 709 client visits.

The clinic is staffed by a part-time nurse director, volunteer physicians, a corps of nurses and social workers, and several administrative assistants. In anticipation of reaching the one year milestone, in the spring the clinic recognized the nearly 100 volunteers that help make it a success. In its mission to provide free health care to residents of Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, and Montmorency counties, who do not have health insurance, the clinic staff and volunteers have also been instrumental in referring clients to other services and programs offered in the community and for which they are eligible.

The clinic has also been fortunate enough to see agencies who initially invested in opening the clinic, such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, demonstrate their continued confidence in the clinic by renewing financial support. Additionally, many individuals and agencies in the four county service area have donated monetarily. Because of that support, the clinic approaches its next fiscal year in 2007, in sound financial support.

Still further, the momentum on client visits continues at a steady pace. Since the one year anniversary in August approximately 130 additional client visits have occurred, making the grand total 739 client visits since inception.

The clinic continues to be operated in Thursday nights (except holidays), from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. and is located behind Huntington Bank, in Graying.

## MiAEYC receives donation to purchase books for children

The Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEYC) received a donation of \$2,090 from the Michigan Department of Transportation to purchase new books for young children who normally wouldn't have any of their own. With the donation, MiAEYC purchased 1,356 new children's books appropriate for children from birth to 8 years old.

Several MiAEYC chapters will distribute books in the areas they serve, including the local chapter, COOR. The COOR chapter covers Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties. Children in homeless shelters and programs for low-income families will receive books.

"Research has shown there is a relationship between reading regularly to a young child and that child's later reading achievement," said MiAEYC President Jennifer Griffith. "We want to put books into the hands of children and families who probably don't have books. This tool will allow parents to begin a habit of reading together."

Griffith said the main goals of this distribution are to provide an opportunity for these children and their families to read together, promote family bonding and begin teaching children literacy skills. "This partnership between MiAEYC and MDOT to give books to young children around the state has been an enjoyable collaboration," Griffith said.

The donation came from the sales of MDOT's centennial book, "Bridget and Little Mac's Birthday Trip."

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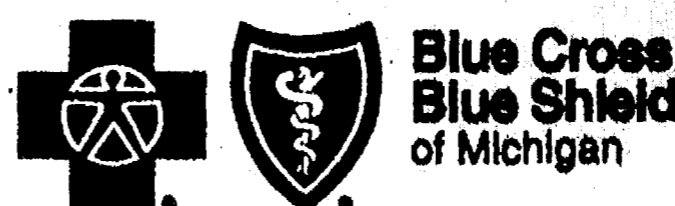
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## JV squad ends season with 36-8 victory vs. Charlevoix

■ Vikings finish year with a 7-2 overall record and a 6-1 conference record

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity football team finished its 2006 season with a 36-8 victory over the Charlevoix Rayders last Thursday at Grayling High School. The Vikings finished the year with a 7-2 overall record, and a 6-1 record in Lake Michigan Conference

contests.

On the first series of the game, Charlevoix drove deep into Grayling territory, but the Vikings kept the Rayders out of the end zone for four goal-to-go plays to end the possession.

Grayling started at its 6-yard line. Quarterback Jimmy Osga passed to Eric Ferrigan for 12 yards on 2nd and 9. On the next play, Dustin Russo ran for 25 yards, but was injured on the play and did not return. A pass to Ferrigan and a run by Tyler Hanson picked up a first down.

On 3rd and 10, Osga passed to Ferrigan for 11 yards. Hanson ran for seven yards on the next play. On 2nd and 3, Osga passed to Justin Farnsworth for a 29-yard touchdown. Osga passed to Ferrigan for two points on the conversion, and GHS led 8-0.

The Vikings forced a punt and drove 63 yards on three plays for a touchdown. The possession included a 43-yard pass to Tyler Steffy, which set up a 7-yard TD pass from Osga to Jordan Helsel on 1st and

goal. Osga passed to Steffy for the two-point conversion. Grayling had a 16-0 lead.

The next two possessions ended with punts.

On 1st and 10 from the 49-yard line, Charlevoix ran 51 yards for a touchdown. The Rayders scored two points on the conversion with a pass play. GHS led 16-8.

An interception ended Grayling's next drive, and Charlevoix punted after three

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## Football season ends with 17-14 loss at Charlevoix

■ Rayders take advantage of three of seven GHS turnovers with 2 TDs, field goal

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity football team ended its 2006 season with a 17-14 loss at Charlevoix on Friday. The Vikings finished the year with a 5-4 record and did not qualify for the playoffs, ending the squad's postseason streak at three seasons.

The Vikings were unable to overcome seven interceptions thrown during Friday night's game. Three of the turnovers led to scoring drives by Charlevoix,

including one interception that was returned for a TD.

On the third possession of the game, the Rayders intercepted a Grayling pass to give Charlevoix the ball 22 yards from the goal line. On the third play of the series, the Rayders scored a TD on an 8-yard pass on 1st and goal. With the extra point kick, Charlevoix led 7-0.

Grayling picked up a first down on 3rd and 10 with a 20-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Bancroft to Nick Parkinson. On 1st and 10, Charlevoix intercepted a Grayling pass attempt and returned it to Grayling's 31-yard line.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Quarterback Jimmy Osga rolls out of the pocket and looks for an open receiver during last Thursday's JV game vs. Charlevoix. (Right) Tyler Hanson runs the ball for the Vikings.

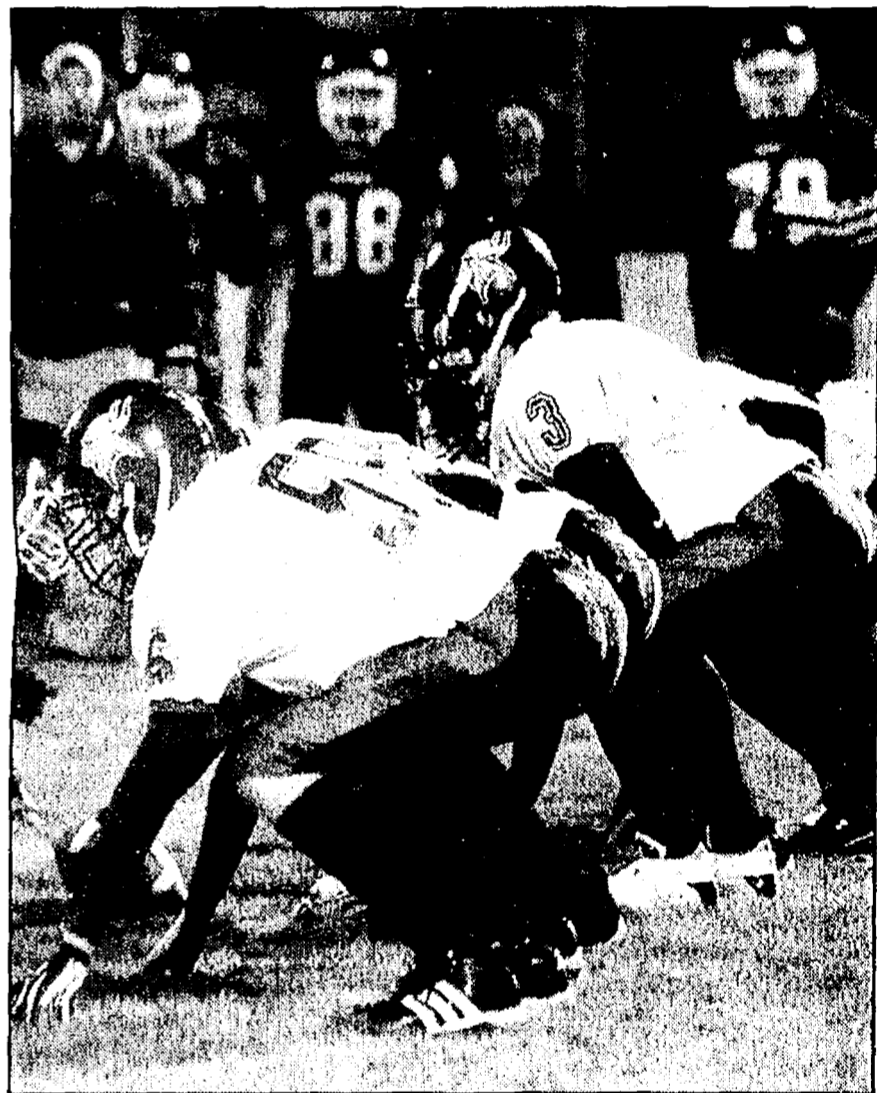


Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling runs a play on offense during last Friday's varsity football game at Charlevoix.

## JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS



Photo by Caleb Casey

This year's Junior Cheerleaders - 97 local girls in grades K-5 who took part in a clinic with the 2006 Grayling High School cheerleading squad - cheer for the Vikings during the second quarter of last Thursday's junior varsity football game at GHS.

## Vikings lose at Boyne, TCSF

The GHS varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams lost games on the road last week at Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis.

On Thursday, Boyne City defeated Grayling's varsity squad 73-37.

"A good all-around effort, which is not reflected in the score. I was proud of the way we came out and played with energy. I can definitely see the improvement. We were down by six with 30 seconds left in the first half before a couple of silly turnovers," Coach L.J. Mead said.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Laura Boylan, 11 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks; Abby Wheeler, 10 points, 8 rebounds; Ashley Bindschattel, 8 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Monica Peters, 5 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist; Gabby Calkins, 2 points, 1 assist, 1 steal; Annie Melroy, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists; Jessie Baker, 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2

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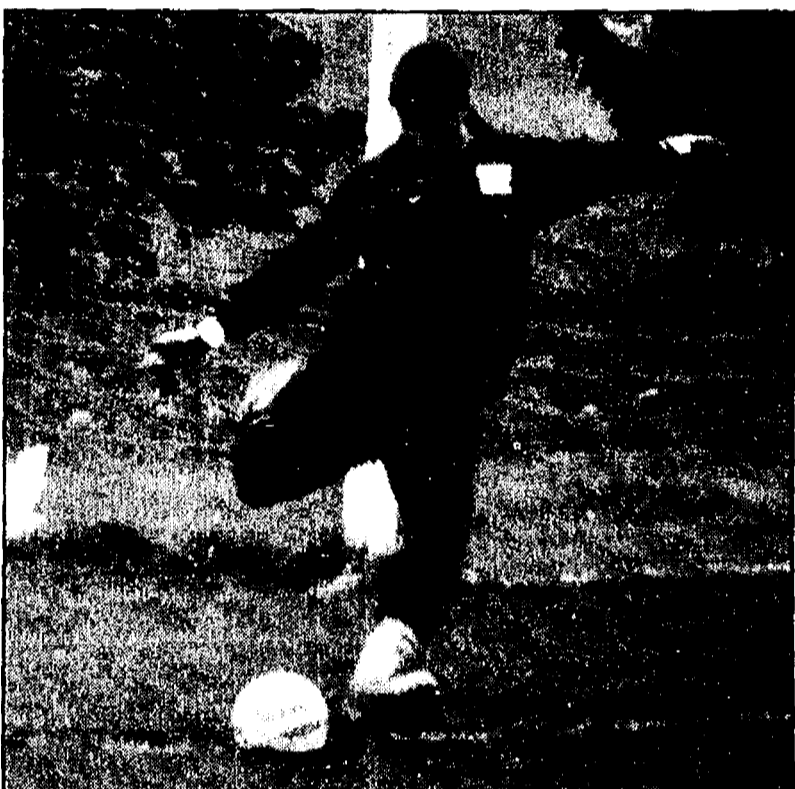
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## Soccer team falls to Bucks in districts



Tony Florival handles the ball for Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer team during the squad's 7-1 district tournament loss to the Roscommon Bucks at Elk Rapids on Tuesday. Florival had Grayling's only goal.



Goalkeeper Janosch Kluge takes a goal kick for the Vikings on Tuesday.

## Vikings lose at Boyne, TCSF

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 steals.

On Tuesday, Grayling lost 46-29 at Traverse City St. Francis.

"We played tough on the defensive side of the ball, but we couldn't get anything going on offense until the fourth quarter. Abby Wheeler, Jessie Baker, and Monica Peters did an excellent job of shutting down the taller TC post players. I was happy with our defensive effort, but we have to step up and execute our offense," Coach Mead said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Boylan, 15 points, 5 rebounds; Wheeler, 6 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals; Ashley Feldhauser, 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Baker, 2 points, 4 rebounds; Melroy, 2 points, 2 assists, 1 steal.

Grayling's JV squad lost 52-19 at TCSF on Tuesday.

Sam Schreiber had nine points, Hannah Smith had four points, and Alyssa Lewis had three points.

"They were a very good team and our girls played hard, we just aren't converting when we need to," Coach Angie Dalak said.

On Thursday, the JV team lost to Boyne City 46-24.

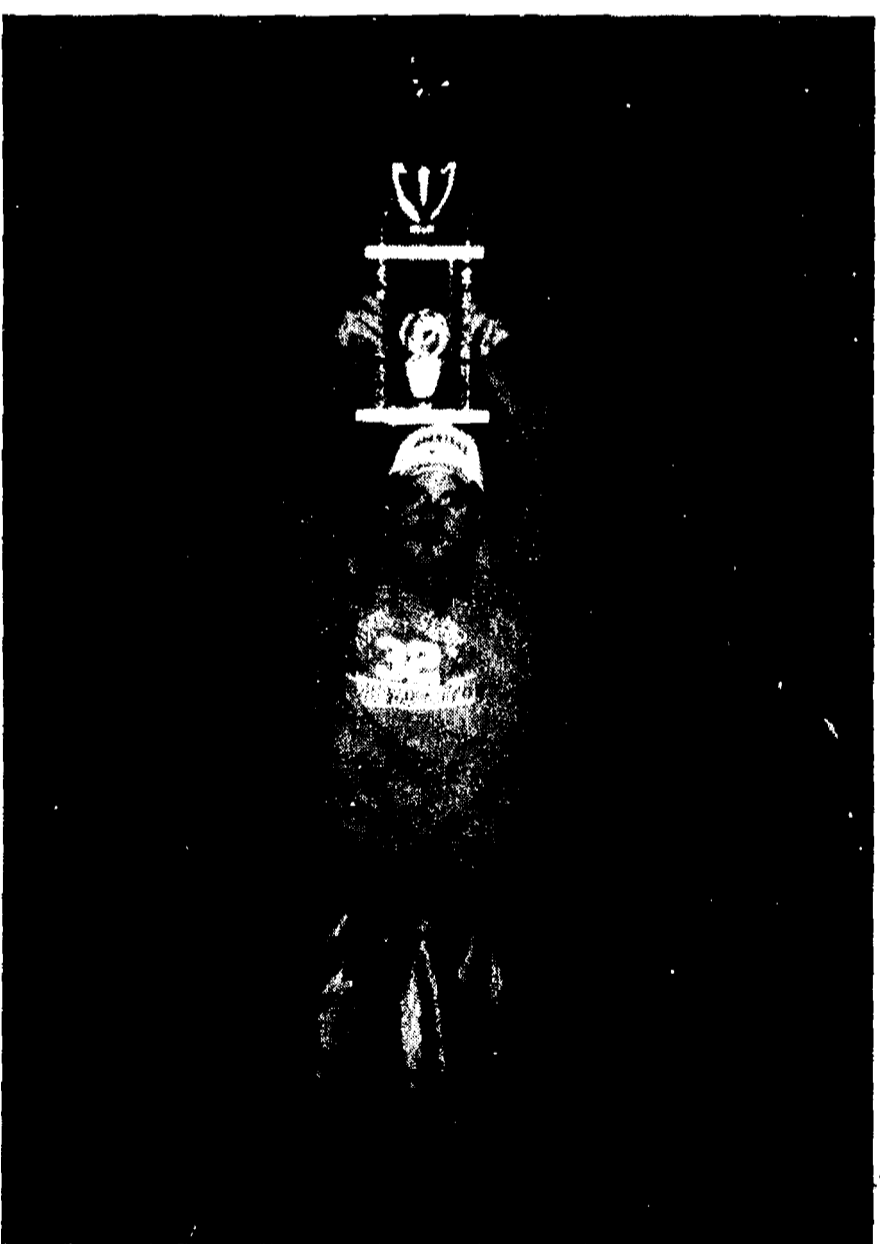
"We really spread out the scoring this game, which is one of our team goals. Alyssa Lewis had eight, Jess Bindschatel had four, and Sam Schreiber and Hannah Smith each had three. Krista Schultz, Hailey McMahon, and Naomi Anglemyer each netted two points," Coach Dalak said. "We have definitely shown improvement from the first time we played them. In our first matchup, Boyne City scored 62 points against us. They have some good offensive players and we held them down. We are really doing well with consistently giving our all out on the court. I am very proud of them for how they keep going strong."

The Vikings play at East Jordan on Thursday, Oct. 26.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League		High Series Men: B. Hollis, 593; P. Faustman, 565; K. Harris, 552. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 233; K. Harris, 221; P. Faustman, 201.	
Hawk Ridge Golf	18 - 10	<b>National First</b>	
Glen's Market	18 - 10	J-Bar	34 - 15
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High Series: M. Starks, 542; V. Balmes, 523; S. Johnson, 503.		Great Lakes Mort.	17 - 32
High Game: M. Starks, 201; P. D'Amour, 198; V. Balmes, 195.		High Series: T. Sowinski, 665; S. Pittman, 649; D. Lawe, 605.	
Friday Mixed Doubles		High Game: D. Lawe, 257; T. Sowinski, 255; S. Pittman, 236.	
Poopie Pin Pounders	19.5 - 8.5	<b>Pioneer League</b>	
American Legion	16 - 12	Cal Dutton Const.	17 - 7
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High Series Men: D. Wallace, 583; D. Canfield, 573; D. Williamson, 554. High Game Men: D. Wallace, 234; D. Canfield, 220; P. Thomas, 209.		Spicy Bob's	9 - 15
High Series Women: P. Younglove, 473; M. Starks, 459; S. Johnson, 446. High Game Women: P. Younglove, 187; J. Williamson, 170; M. Coe, 168.		High Series: T. Rock, 594; L. Golnick, 526; S. Johnson, 512.	
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Derwich Ind	36 - 13	<b>Sunday Mixed Doubles</b>	
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Moore's Auto	17 - 32	Spikes	20 - 22
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Scheer Motors	15 - 34	Gray Rock Cafe #2	14 - 28
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Senior Bowling		High Series Men: P. Faustman, 601; E. Brosky, 538; K. Slater, 529. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 228; R. Strohpauf, 223; E. Brosky, 195. High Series Women: R. Brown, 488; C. Wyatt and E. Slater, 451.	
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Paul Martin, of Grayling, known as "Small Paul," recently won his weight class (155) at an Ultimate Fighting Contest event held in Ohio. Ultimate Fighting is a full contact, mixed martial arts sport. Paul's next fight is expected to take place in December, most likely in Las Vegas.

## POOL LEAGUE

Men's Standings		Women's Standings	
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Sawmill I	24	Holiday Inn	33
Legion	23	Two Track I	32
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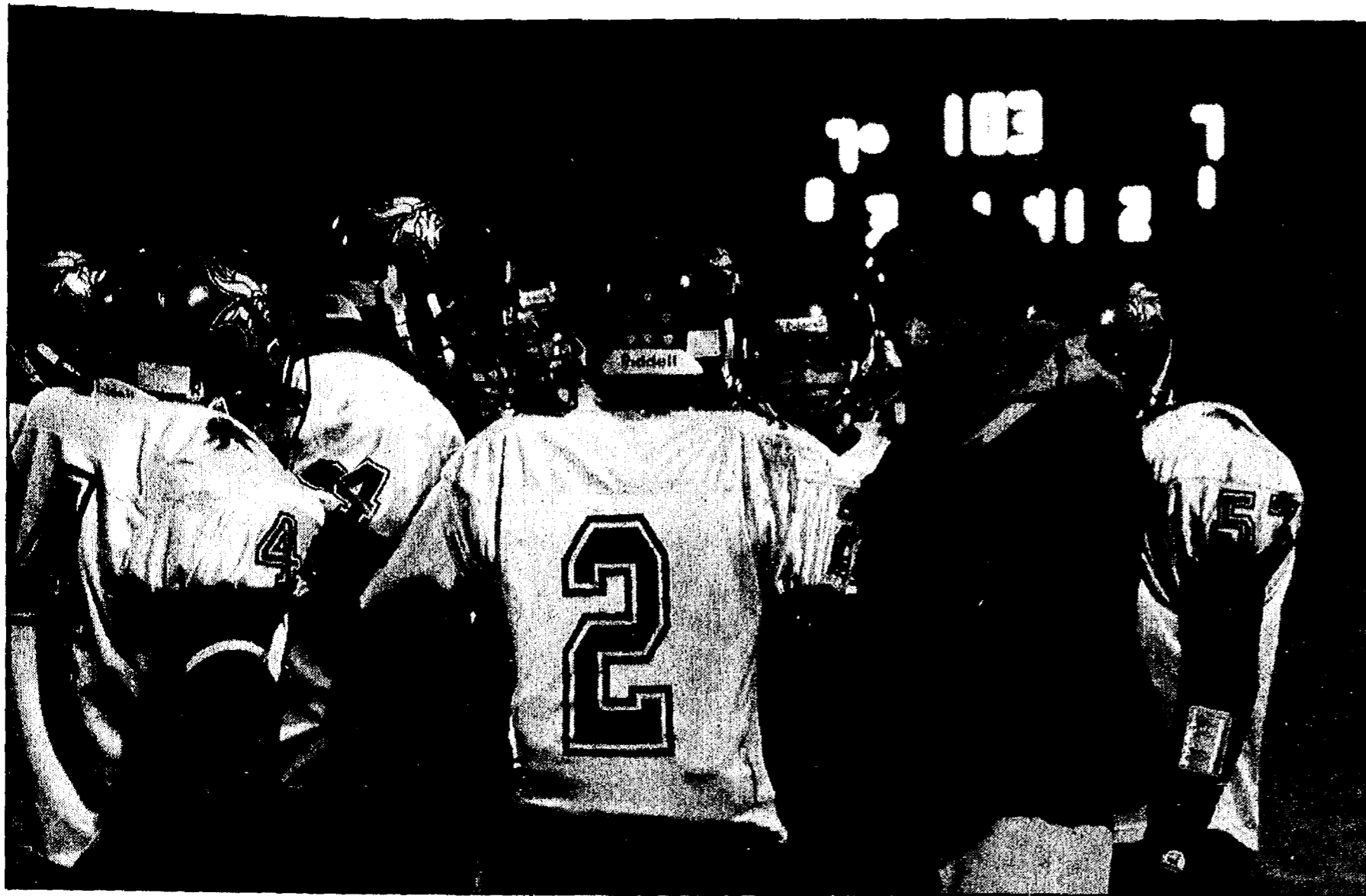
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Coach Tim Sanchez talks to Grayling's defensive unit during last Friday's varsity football game at Charlevoix.

## Football season ends with 17-14 loss at Charlevoix

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The Vikings held the Rayders for four plays and took over on downs.

Grayling gained eight yards on a pass to Isaac VanNuck and Ryan Cooper ran for nine yards on the next play for a first down. Cooper ran for 29 yards on 3rd and 3 to bring up 1st and 10 at the 11-yard line. On 4th and 1 at the 2-yard line, Bancroft scored a touchdown on a QB sneak up the middle. Jason Drudge kicked the extra point, and the score was tied at 7-7.

On the fifth play of Charlevoix's next series (2nd and 10); Josh Stapleton picked off a Rayder pass and returned the ball 30 yards to Grayling's 45-yard line.

The resulting possession ended with an interception on 2nd and 9. Charlevoix turned the ball over on downs. The next two possessions ended with punts.

Grayling started at its 44-yard line. A pass to VanNuck gained 18 yards. On 3rd and 4, the Rayders picked off a Grayling pass.

Charlevoix drove from its 23-yard line to Grayling's 20-yard line on 11 plays, including a 17-yard pass completion on 4th and 10. On 4th and 10 at the 20-yard line, with 20 seconds left on the first half clock, Charlevoix tried for a field goal. The ball hit the left upright and went through, giving Charlevoix three points and a 10-7 halftime advantage.

The Rayders started at their 39-yard line after the second half kick return. On 4th and 8, Charlevoix's punter fumbled the snap, picked the ball up, and started to run with it. Two Grayling defenders were closing in on the punter, who stopped and kicked the ball just prior to being tackled. The Vikings were called for roughing the kicker, and the penalty gave Charlevoix 1st and 10 at Grayling's 44-yard

line. Three running plays brought up 1st and 10 at the 33-yard line. Grayling held Charlevoix for the next four plays and took over on downs.

Grayling punted on the seventh play of the resulting series.

Charlevoix fumbled on the fourth play of its next drive and Tory Myers recovered the ball for GHS.

The Vikings started 40 yards from the goal line. Tim VanNuck ran for 13 yards on 1st and 10. A run by Cooper (plus a face mask penalty on Charlevoix) gave GHS a first down at the 12-yard line. On 3rd and 7, the drive ended with an interception.

Charlevoix drove from its 5-yard line to Grayling's 37-yard line on seven plays. On 3rd and 11, Stapleton intercepted a Charlevoix pass attempt.

Grayling began the possession at its 22-yard line. On 1st and 10, Grayling handed off to Geo Bindschatel, who passed. The throw was tipped into the air and Charlevoix caught it. The defender ran the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. With the extra point kick, Charlevoix led 17-7.

On the fourth play of Grayling's next drive, Charlevoix came up with another interception. The drive ended with a punt on 4th and 20.

Grayling started at its 38-yard line with 5:15 left in the game. Passes to I. VanNuck and Parkinson picked up a first down. A pass to I. VanNuck gained 14 yards. Passes to I. VanNuck and Stapleton brought up 1st and goal at the 4-yard line. Bancroft scored a TD on the next play with a QB sneak. Drudge kicked the extra point and GHS trailed 17-14 with 3:15 remaining in the game.

Grayling's defense forced Charlevoix to punt on 4th and 7. The Vikings took over at their 18-yard line with 2:04 left in the

contest. On 4th and 15, Bancroft threw deep for a completion to Parkinson, but the play was nullified by an illegal procedure penalty. On 4th and 20, Grayling's pass attempt fell incomplete.

Charlevoix kneeled twice to end the game and the Rayders won 17-14.

"We outplayed them in every category but turnovers. Our defense played very well and Coach (Tim) Sanchez should be proud of how his guys responded. I run the offense and I am to blame for not executing like we should have. It just was not meant to be for us this season. We had many chances throughout the season and simply did not get the job done," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Jeff Bancroft finished this season passing for 1,414 yards through the air with 12 touchdowns. He also ran for 11 touchdowns on the ground to finish with a new school record of 23 touchdowns in a season. He finished his career passing for nearly 3,000 yards and I do not know if that has ever been done at Grayling High School. He will be greatly missed next season," Coach Brock said.

"Senior Nick Parkinson finished the season with 31 catches for 480 yards and two touchdowns. On defense he had 84 tackles and two sacks. He was a great team leader and as a captain he exemplified what we wanted as a student-athlete. Nick's playing days are not done as he will be visiting schools in the off-season to see if college football is a good fit for him," Coach Brock said. "Hank Abney was our other senior starter and he started every game at right guard on the offensive line. Hank is also a tremendous student-athlete as he is a straight A student. He worked very hard to become a starter in his final season."

"Our program will be hungrier and better than ever next season as we will return 10 defensive starters and eight offensive starters. Our only job now is getting bigger, faster, and stronger in the off-season. Our coaching staff will also be attending clinics to get better at what we do. We are not satisfied with what we accomplished this season as we expect to make the playoffs next year," Coach Brock said.

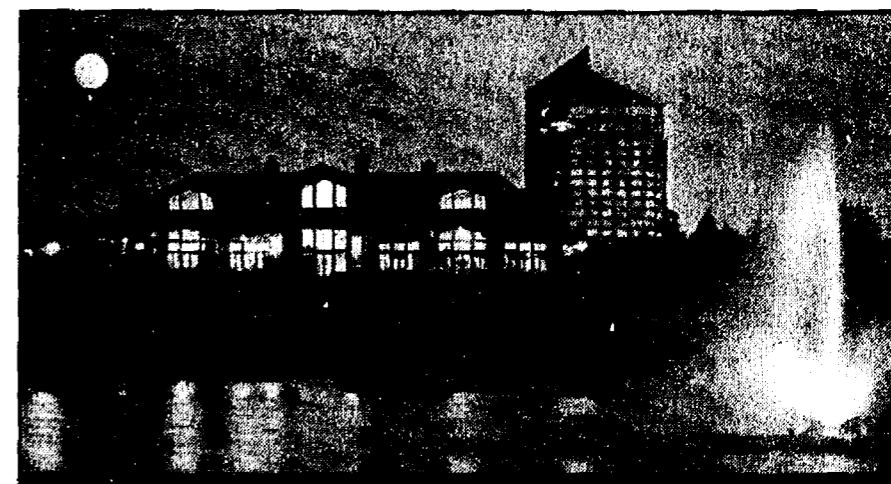
The Vikings finished the year with five victories and four losses. Six of Grayling's nine opponents in 2006 qualified for the playoffs this year -- Traverse City St. Francis (8-1), Charlevoix (8-1), Elk Rapids (6-3), Roscommon (8-1), Houghton Lake (6-3), and Boyne City (6-3). The Vikings defeated Roscommon and Elk Rapids but lost to the other four playoff qualifiers they faced this season.

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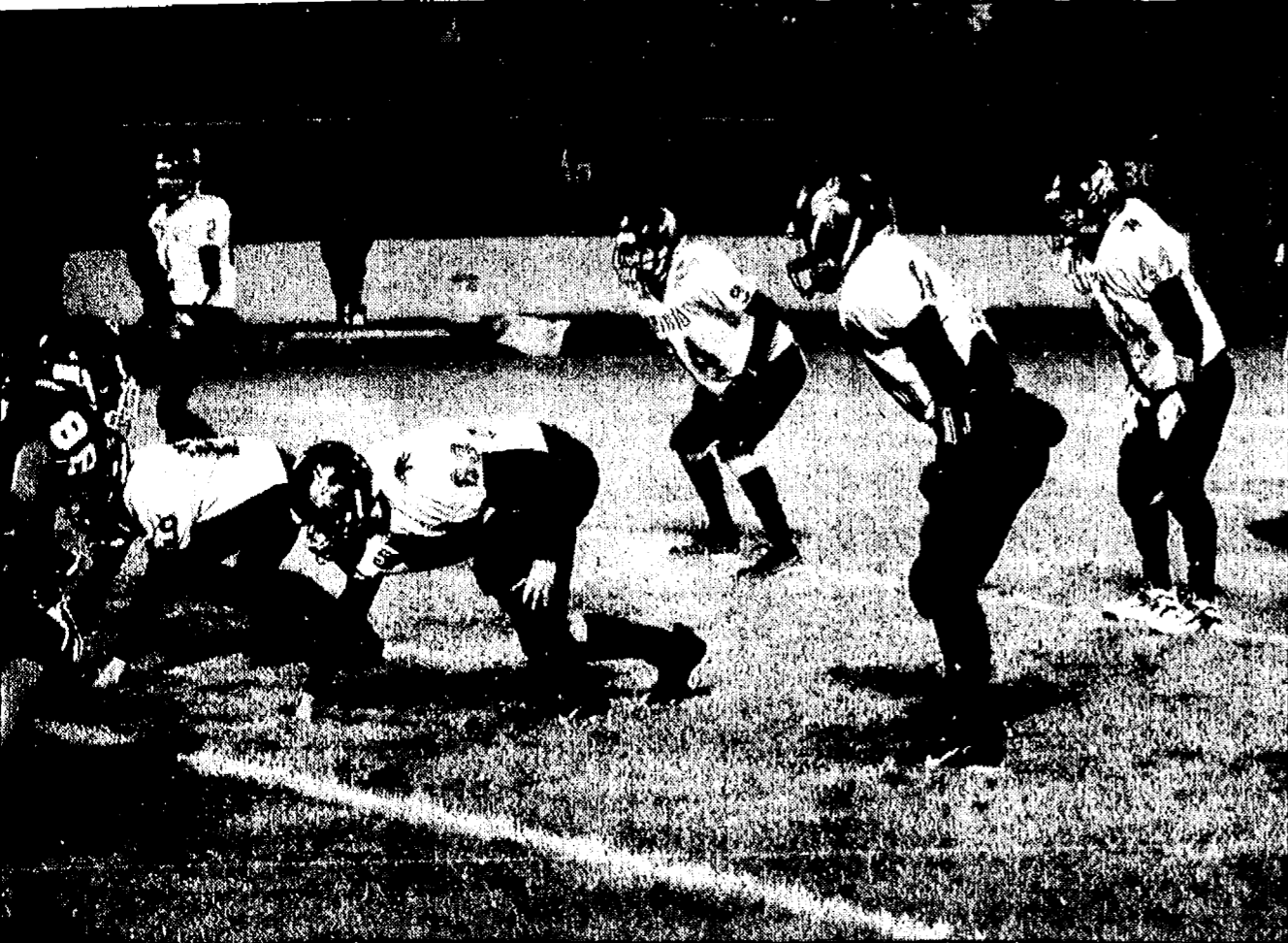
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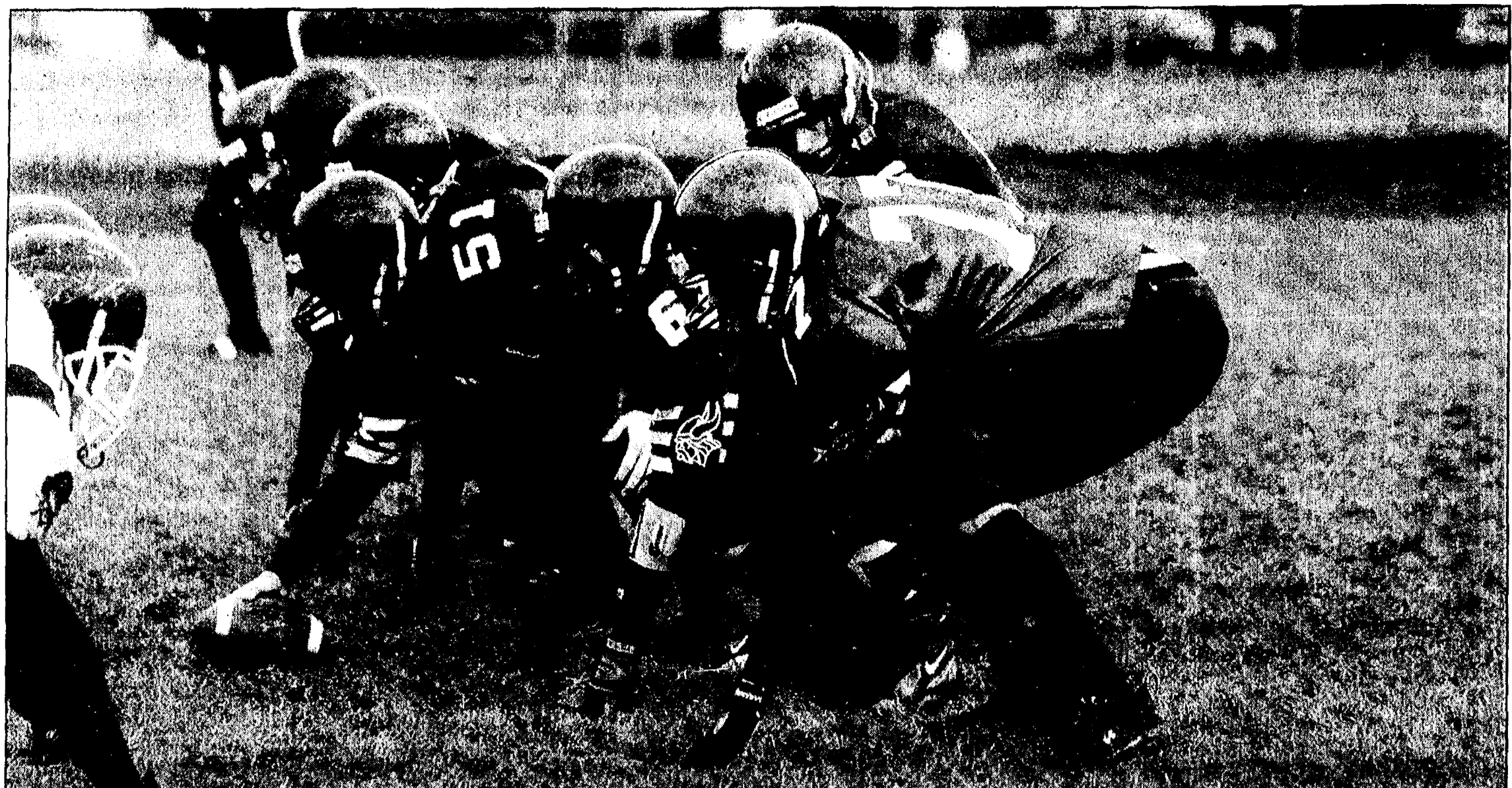
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Grayling's offense lines up for a play vs. the Charlevoix Rayders during Thursday night's game at Grayling High School.

# JV squad ends season with 36-8 victory vs. Charlevoix

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The Vikings started the series at their own 38-yard line. Hanson ran for 12 yards on first down. Two runs by Hanson picked up

13 yards. Osga passed to Steffy for six yards on first down. After two incomplete passes, Osga passed to Ferrigan on 4th and 4 for 24 yards. On 1st and goal at the 7-yard line, Osga passed to Steffy for a TD. Osga ran the ball on the conversion try and dove across the corner pylon for two points. Grayling led 24-8.

The Rayders fumbled Grayling's kickoff and Joey Contreras recovered the ball for the Vikings.

On the first play of the resulting series, Osga passed to Farnsworth for 49 yards. On 2nd and goal from the 9-yard line, Osga passed to Farnsworth for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, and GHS led 30-8.

Charlevoix ran the ball three times and the first half ended.

The only points scored in the second half came in the fourth quarter. On 3rd and 14, Charlevoix fumbled and Jacob Aubry recovered the ball for Grayling. The Vikings started at Charlevoix's 32-yard line. Two runs by Hanson gained 21 yards. Two runs by Matt Haight brought up 3rd and 1 at the 2-yard line. Cody Collen punched the ball into the end zone for a TD. The two-point conversion try failed.

Grayling won by a final score of 36-8.

The Vikings finished the game with 229 passing yards and 141 rushing yards. Osga completed 16 passes for 229 yards and four touchdowns. Ferrigan caught six passes for 68 yards. Steffy had five receptions for 74 yards, and

Farnsworth had four catches for 78 yards and two TDs. Hanson carried the ball 15 times for 82 yards.

"This is the smartest and most disciplined team we have ever coached. They averaged 30 points per game with just six penalties per game. The offense

averaged 308 yards per game. The defense had 11 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

"It was fun to watch Jimmy Osga and our receivers - Farnsworth, Steffy, and Ferrigan - play such a great game," Coach Ron Wyman said.



Dustin Russo carries the ball for Grayling during Thursday's season finale.

  
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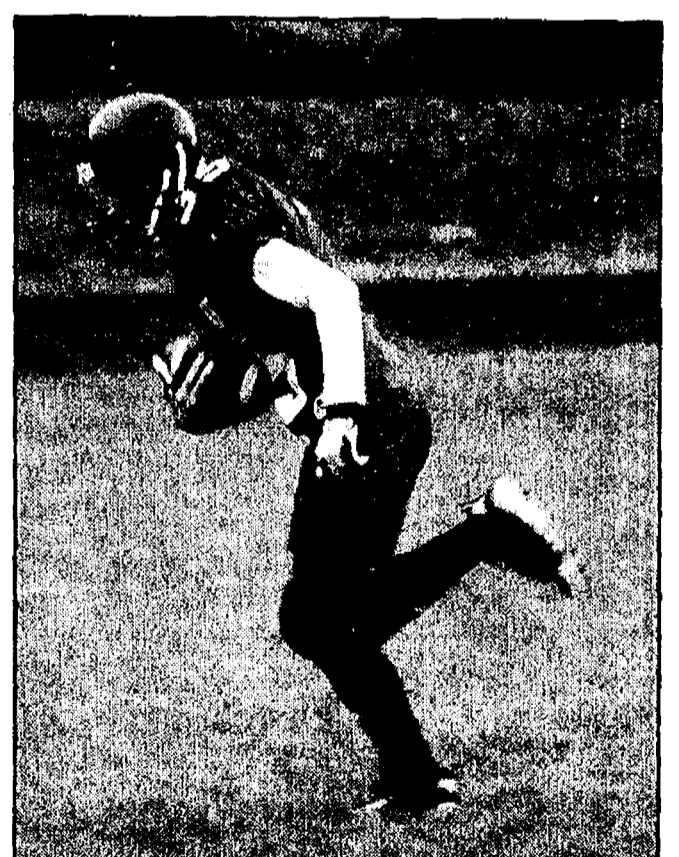
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(Left) Matt Haight punts the ball for the Vikings on Thursday. (Right) Jordan Helsel catches a touchdown pass vs. Charlevoix.

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October 11, 2006

WHEREAS, the Township of Grayling having a population of 2000 or more according to the most recent United States census, and having been notified by the Michigan Secretary of State of eligibility to become a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act of 1947 (PA 359, as amended; MCL 42.1 (et seq.)), and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees have been provided information which enabled them to fully understand the responsibilities, advantages and disadvantages of becoming a charter township, and  
WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township of Grayling to develop and implement a short and long-term plan to provide a variety of municipal services to areas of the township, as needed, and  
WHEREAS, the residents of Grayling Township have been notified of this intent, and have been given ample opportunity to question, discuss and provide their input into this decision, and  
WHEREAS, after much discussion, thought, and consideration, the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees voted in public session on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 to approve the incorporation of Grayling Township as a charter township,  
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees of the intent to incorporate under the regulations of the Michigan Charter Township Act, and to abide by and operate under those regulations as "The Charter Township of Grayling."

Motion to adopt this resolution as presented by O'Mara

Motion second by Long

Roll call vote:

Long "AYE" Kraycs Absent Wright "AYE"  
Ashton "AYE" O'Mara "AYE"

The chair recognizes four "ayes" and zero "nays." The motion passes and the resolution of intent is hereby adopted.

Monica Ashton, Clerk

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor

Township residents opposed to the incorporation of Grayling Township as a charter may submit a petition of disagreement with the township clerk within 60 days of this publication date (on or before December 28, 2006). The petition must include the valid signatures of not less than 10% of the number of electors of the township voting for township supervisor at the last election in which the supervisor was elected (at least 219 valid signatures.) The wording of the petition must be in accordance with section 2 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947 (section 42.3a of the Michigan Compiled Laws).

If a valid petition is received and certified as such by the township clerk, the question of township incorporation must be presented to the electors of the township at the next general election.

Monica S. Ashton  
Grayling Township Clerk

The decedent, HELEN C. CORBETT, whose last known address was 8733 M-72 West, Grayling, MI 49738, died September 29, 2006.

By Trust indenture dated the 26th day of October, 1993, as amended, the decedent established the **Helen C. Corbett Trust Agreement**.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, HELEN C. BALNAVE, at P.O. Box 521, Bath, OH 44210, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED ON October 26, 2006.

KEVIN G. KLEVORN (P35531)  
KLEVORN & KLEVORN  
Attorney for the Trustee  
215 South Lake Street  
Boyer City, MI 49712  
2331-582-7911

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06-7053-CH

CPTF - Forest Dunes Holding Company, L.L.C., a Michigan Limited Liability Company  
Plaintiff,

CPTF-FOREST DUNES HOLDING COMPANY, L.L.C., a Michigan Limited Liability Company, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, KENNETH RIEHLE, Chairman, Crawford County Road Commission; JAMES E. BURTCHE, Drain Commissioner, Crawford County Drain Commission; JAY B. RISING, Treasurer, State of Michigan; GLORIA J. JEFF, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation; REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES, Director Michigan Department of Natural Resources; STEVEN E. CHESTER, Director for the Department of Environmental Quality, CONSUMERS ENERGY, JAN M. WALTON, JILL ROBINSON, DEBRA KADE, DANA WALTON, JUDY WALTON AND JOAN WALTON, NANCY ANN GENO-MISHKO, RON MISHKO, MILTON RAY COLVIN, SANDRA K. COLVIN, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, BANK ONE NA, DAVEY JOHN HOADLEY, ROBERT S. GOEBEL, BARBARA A. GOEBEL AND ALAN L. WIENE TRUST U/A/D 9-12-91  
Defendants.

GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-4365

### ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 21st of June 2006, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to vacate plats against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

All lots with the plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1, except Lots 31, 67, 68, 101 and 109.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiffs, attesting to the fact that service upon the Defendants, MILTON R. COLVIN of Lot 101 of the Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1, BARBARA A. GOEBEL of Unit 36, Forest Dunes Condominium, best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, MILTON R. COLVIN, BARBARA A. GOEBEL, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on the law office GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C. by Gerard F. Brabant, Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 16th day of November, 2006. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgement by default against the Defendants, MILTON R. COLVIN, BARBARA A. GOEBEL, for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for three (3) weeks on the property owned by the Defendants named herein.

Date of Order: 28 September 2006  
HONORABLE JANET M. ALLEN  
P30817  
Circuit Court Judge

## General Election Notice to Crawford County Electors

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2006 to elect candidates to the following State, County, Township, and Judicial offices. As well as state and countywide proposals:

Governor  
Lt. Governor  
Attorney General  
U.S. Senator  
Congressional Representative  
State Senator  
State Representative  
Members of the State Board of Education  
Members of U of M Board of Regents  
Members of MSU Board of Trustees  
Members of Wayne State University Board of Governors  
County Road Commissioner  
County Commissioner  
Lovells Township Trustee  
Justice of the Supreme Court  
Judge of the 4th District Court of Appeals  
Judge of the 46th Circuit Court  
5 State Proposal's  
County Millage Proposals (1 & 2)

The following polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738  
201 Frederic Twp. 7565 West Co. Rd. 612 (Co Center), Frederic, MI 49733  
302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738  
401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738  
501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733  
601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653  
701 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

## Maple Forest Township Amendment to Land Division Ordinance 1998-10-13 Amendment Ordinance 2006-10-10

Amendment #2006-04-11 Section V: Application For Land Division Approval

Amendment #1998-10-13 Section V: Which read...

### SECTION V APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

An applicant shall file all the following with the Township Assessor or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of a proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contract, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

- A completed application form on such form as may be approved by the Township Board.
- Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.
- A certified survey including an accurate legal description of each division, and showing the boundary lines, approximate dimensions, and the accessibility of each division from existing or proposed public roads for automobile traffic and public utilities.
- Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.
- If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer, detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer.
- The fee as may from time to time be established by resolution of the governing body of the Township for land division reviews pursuant to this Ordinance to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.

Amendment #2006-04-11 Section V: Now reads:

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- Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.
- A survey including an accurate legal description of each proposed division, and showing the boundary lines, approximate dimensions, and the accessibility of each division from existing or proposed public roads for automobile traffic and public utilities.
- Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.
- The history and specifications of the land proposed to be divided sufficient to establish that the proposed division complies with Section 108 of the State Land Division Act.
- If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer, detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer.
- Unless a division creates a parcel which is acknowledged and declared in the instrument of conveyance to be "not a development site", all divisions shall result in "buildable" parcels with sufficient area to comply with all required setback provisions, minimum floor areas, off-street parking spaces, approved on-site sewage disposal and water well locations (where public water and sewer service is not available), access to existing public utilities and public roads, and maximum allowed area coverage of buildings and structures on the site. Declared agricultural land and land for forestry use shall not be subject to the foregoing as "development sites" as provided in the State Land Division Act at Section 102.
- The fee as may from time to time be established by resolution of the governing body of the Township for land division reviews pursuant to this Ordinance to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- Land Divisions must be completed within one year from the date the application was approved by the Township Assessor or official designated by governing body. Land Divisions not completed before expiration of application are subject to new application and fees.

### CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

The foregoing Amendment Ordinance #2006-10-10 to amend Maple Forest Township Land Division Ordinance #1998-10-13 was duly adopted and passed by the Township Board of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan on the 10th day of October 2006 by the following vote. 5 yes 0 no 0 absent.

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published in the Crawford County Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation, in the above township, on the 26th day of October 2006.

The Amendment Ordinance takes effect on November 24th, 2006.

Sandra L. Baynham  
Maple Forest Township Clerk



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**October 27, 1983 - George Smith of Grayling holds an 11 pound, 14 ounce puff-ball mushroom he and his wife Zelda found southeast of Camp Grayling. The mushroom measured 14 inches in circumference.**

### 23 Years Ago October 27, 1983

Local authorities have lifted a ban on Halloween trick-or-treating this year, but are cautioning all children and parents to beware of dangerous treats. Last year the Grayling City Council asked for a halt of all trick-or-treating following a nationwide scare of Tylenol tampering and other product poisoning.

Grayling football recorded its fourth shutout of the season Friday by stomping Boyne City 18-0. The Vikings are now 5-2 and face Charlevoix, 4-3, at home on Friday as Grayling

seeks to equal its best season ever since joining the Michigan Huron Shores Conference.

Grayling girls basketball ran its record to 10-2 using aggressive defense and a fast-breaking offense to thump Petoskey 59-40 at Petoskey.

A special four man committee appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is studying alternatives to the county's current landfill disposal of solid waste. One of the most attractive alternatives researched by the committee, composed of Don Welsner, Bud Joyce, Randy Thompson and Roy Spangler, is incineration. Spangler, the

MSU Co-operative Extension agent for Roscommon and Crawford Counties, said there could be a large reduction in bulk if waste was burned and there's a valuable sideline to incineration.

### 46 Years Ago October 27, 1960

The Grayling junior varsity football squad will entertain the little Blue Blazers of Kalkaska High at Grayling Memorial Recreation Area tonight in their final game of the season. Coach Frasier Dean is hoping that his team will turn in a fine performance for their last game. The Grayling jayvees trimmed the Kalkaska team 13 to 6 in a game earlier this season.

St. Mary's Ladies Club of St. Mary's Church will sponsor a Halloween masquerade dress party. It will take place at the parish hall. There will be dancing, games, and refreshments, all for \$1.25 per couple.

Bob Bovee received his master of arts degree from Central Michigan University. He was initiated the national honorary educational society, Phi Delta Kappa.

The Grayling Vikings football team played the Boyne City Ramblers and the Ramblers put a crimp into the Viking homecoming as they downed the Vikings 26-0. The Ramblers ranked eighth in Class C in the state turned two Viking fumbles into touchdowns.

### 69 Years Ago October 28, 1937

Albert Madill is preparing the basement for his new house in Frederic. It is to face the AuSable River bridge, just north of town. The house is southeast of the bridge and cement blocks are being made at the present time.

Frederic supervisor, Lyle Duncley is building a structure near his house that can be used for a garage and filling station or for a "garage bungalow."

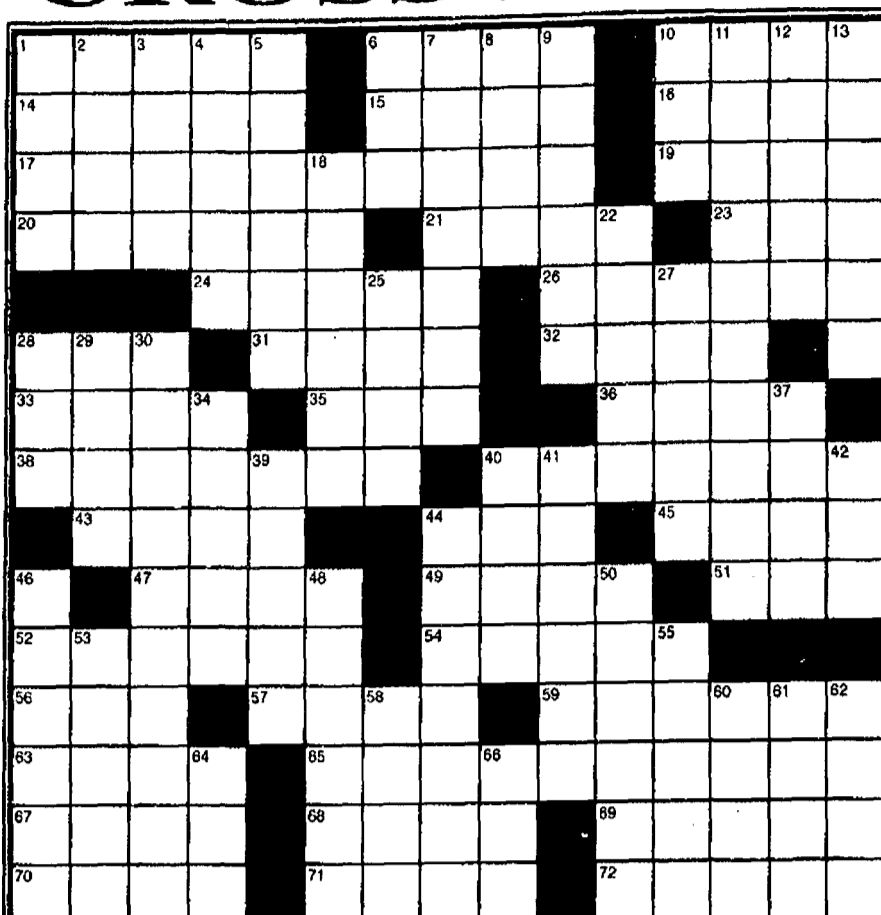
A special meeting of the voters of Grayling School District No. 1 was held. It was called by petition to the Board of Education to consider the question of transportation for children living within the school district. The matter came to a vote and was carried 57 to 1. This vote authorized the school board to set up bids for service for three cars or a bus to be used in carrying school children from the vicinity of Lake Margrethe. Only those who are two or more miles from school will be furnished their transportation.

### 92 Years Ago October 29, 1914

Louie Joseph is playing on the U of M soccer football team, as half-back at Ann Arbor.

T.E. Douglas, in putting alcohol in Clayton Strachly's machine last night, lit a match causing an explosion, which resulted in burning his eyebrows and eyelashes off and burning some of his face.

## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Collection of Persian poems.
  - Traditional log house of rural Russia.
  - Carangid fish of the genus Decapterus inhabiting tropical and subtropical shore waters.
  - Message departing from the main subject.
  - Deprived of hearing.
  - Body of ore set off adjacent rock formations.
  - Not liable to change.
  - Middle East chieftain.
  - Variant of "escapes."
  - Jack ... actor.
  - Extinct, ostrich-like flightless bird of New Zealand.
  - Depleted of strength.
  - Person who believes that one race is superior to others.
  - Toward a vessel's stern.
  - Marion ... Bauer, author.
  - Formal, deliberative assembly.
  - Bodies of water smaller than an ocean.
  - Sells, singer.
  - Make a portrait of.
  - In a sulky manner.
  - Someone no longer important.
  - Consider.
  - Multi-seated vehicle.
  - Sinkovska, model.
  - Potential applied to an electrode in an electronic device to produce the desired characteristic.
  - Different from.
  - Fitting for branching a side pipe off a pipeline.
  - Get satisfaction by punishing the person responsible for hurting another.
  - Pile of stones formed by a person.
  - Anything apparently limitless in volume.
  - Acronym for European Television Services Association.
  - Without payment.
  - Light riding horse that originated in the Maghreb region of North Africa.
  - Sporting competition involving a series of games to decide the winner.
  - (Alexander) Wilder, composer.
  - Requiring little labor.
  - Commonly hard, and brittle seed outer coat.
  - Vortex.
  - Second-largest moon of Saturn.
  - Exhibiting activity.
- Down
- Podium.
  - Acronym for Integrated Services for Northern Children.
  - Exclamation of good will.
  - Reverie to make fit for a new purpose.
  - Any of the 50 sea nymphs who were daughters of Nereus the sea god.
  - Asteroid in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
  - Greek form of Zebadiah used in the New Testament.
  - Lavish, formal dance.
  - Alfred.
  - Acronym for Smart Living Association.
  - Sincere, steadfast fixity of purpose.
  - Goodbye.
  - Lower the rated electrical capability of an electrical apparatus.
  - Middle East republic.
  - Sends by mail.
  - Desire to have something possessed by another.
  - Tropical American trees with palmately compound leaves and showy, bell-shaped flowers.
  - Hardy, sure-footed animal smaller than a horse.
  - Long, drawn-out bitter quarrel between families.
  - Someone who repeats malicious gossip.
  - Coll of worsted yarn.
  - Hawaiian island's rare, wild goose.
  - Visual representation.
  - Polynesian rain dance performed by a woman.
  - Transfer ownership of property by signing a document.
  - Not any.
  - In order that.
  - Great talker of uninteresting things.
  - Long-haired dog that helps hunters find animals.
  - List of printed mistakes included on an insert within the volume in which the mistakes were made.
  - Not fully developed.
  - Verbal labels for a person, place or thing.
  - Acronym for State Office of Administrative Hearings.
  - Match between two national teams.
  - Peruvian money.
  - Glowing ball of gas.
  - Acronym for Before the Common Era.
  - Swedish shag rug.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Fresh Tomato And Zucchini Pizza

Crust:		Topping:	
1/2	cup dry roasted garlic flavored mashed potatoes	3	plum tomatoes, thinly sliced and patted dry
1	cup boiling water	1	small zucchini, thinly sliced
1	cup all-purpose flour	1	tablespoon olive oil
3	tablespoons olive oil	4	Salt and ground pepper to taste
1	teaspoon salt	2	ounces shredded mozzarella cheese
			tablespoons fresh shredded basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil

Combine dry roasted garlic flavored mashed potatoes with boiling water in a bowl, using a fork to moisten all potatoes. Let stand for one minute. Add flour, olive oil and salt to potato mixture. With hands, knead mixture until dough forms a ball. Let rest 5 minutes. Preheat oven to 400° F. Press dough into 12-inch by 8-inch baking pan. Arrange zucchini slices and tomato slices over the dough, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake about 15 minutes. Top with mozzarella; bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese melts. Sprinkle with basil.

Makes 4 main-dish servings or 6 appetizer servings

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



### Latte

is a very pretty black and tan Setter mix. She is easy to get along with and loves people. Latte has been spayed and is up to date on all of her shots. All she needs now is a loving home.

Your donation to the "Gimme Shelter \$10k Challenge" will be matched up to \$10,000! Help build a new shelter today!

### Admiral

is a very handsome Lab/Golden Retriever mix. This big boy has a very nice personality and appears to be housebroken. He has been neutered and vaccinated and is at the shelter just waiting for a family.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
10/18	51	47	0.52					
10/19	53	39	0.23					
10/20	53	33	0.17	High 46	High 38	High 36	High 41	High 48
10/21	53	31	0	Low 31	Low 30	Low 29	Low 33	Low 30
10/22	51	33	0.48					
10/23	38	31	0.22					
10/24	37	32	0.15	Partly Cloudy	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy

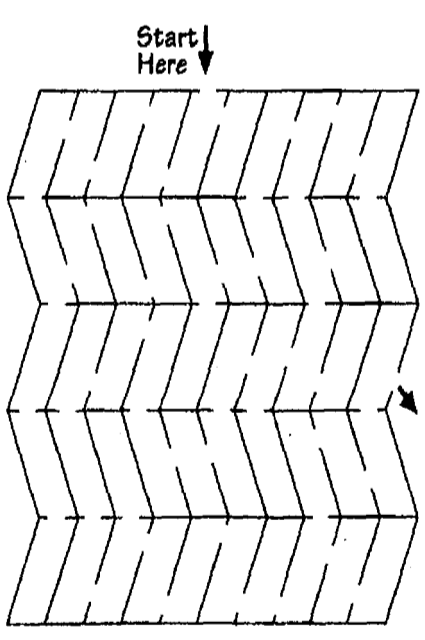
### Find the Twins

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

## DID YOU KNOW ??

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 26, 2006

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19  
The chill in the air doesn't do much to improve a friend's hot temper at an event. Take them aside and ask them to cool off before they say something they will regret.

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
Prepare for a crash landing. Aries, that a situation at home spirals out of control. A monetary gift allows you to get the ball rolling on a home improvement project.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
You shudder in fear at the thought of confronting a relative, but you really have no choice. Get the family involved and make an intervention before it's too late.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22  
Confidence boils over and nothing stands to get in your way. The need to take care of a transportation matter becomes clear and you must act quickly.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18  
Romance is not dead, at least not for you, Aquarius. Love sizzles and life is full of promise. A phone call generates a lot of activity at work.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
If only you had known, Taurus, that a promise was about to be broken, you might have been able to compensate. Chalk it up to hindsight and do what you can to ease the situation.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
A friend's rise in stature begins to take a toll on their family life. Be honest when asked about it and tell them exactly what you see. Your feedback will be appreciated.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21  
Brevity is key to resolving an issue at work, Scorpio. Keep directions clear and concise and never lose sight of your goal. A financial objective is met easily.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
Money is easier to come by and your accounts begin to grow. Share your wealth with those less fortunate and the rewards will multiply.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21  
You just can't get over it. Rumors you thought were false turn out to be true. Settle down. They are not as bad as they seem and in fact benefit you and others.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22  
Get ready, Virgo, to be whisked off on a fabulous trip. A chance meeting results in several new prospects for the business and many kudos for you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21  
The warm colors of fall give everyone at work a huge lift. Use the energy to pull ahead on a few projects and get the ideas brewing for others. A decision at home is final.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.avalanche.townnews.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**TWO HOMES** Great locations in Grayling for winter sports. \$69,900 on 2.5 acres or \$139,000 on 10 acres. For details, 989-344-0299. (-26/2/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS** e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW INCOME** housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE OR LEASE** mobile home lots, 2.5 acres, relocate your mobile home and use existing mobile home for storage. Located on M-72 near Burtons Landing in Grayling. 14' x 65' concrete slab with hook-ups including 4" well, electric service and 1,000 gallon septic. A large frontage in nicer area located near state forest and canoe pick-up area. \$25,000. Met, 877-365-2006. tadd@ingallsenterprises.com. (LR12/7/06/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE - COMMERCIAL BUILDING** Built in 2000 with 2,100 sq. ft., central A/C, full kitchen, four bathrooms, handicapped ramp, cyclone fencing, and three rear decks. Excellent location for office or retail business. \$195,000. Call 989-348-3018. (LR10/26/06/1)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811



**CRAIG HINKLE**  
Broker/Owner  
State Licensed Appraiser



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**of Grayling**  
5728 M-72 West  
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**CHARLENE SCHEER**  
Broker/Owner  
Limited Real Estate Appraiser  
CRR, GRI, CRS, ABR

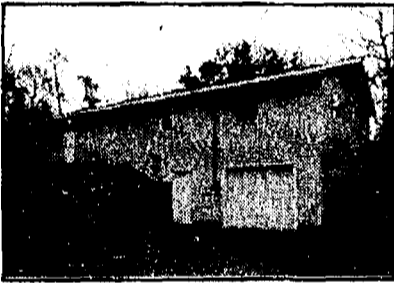
## No more sleepless nights



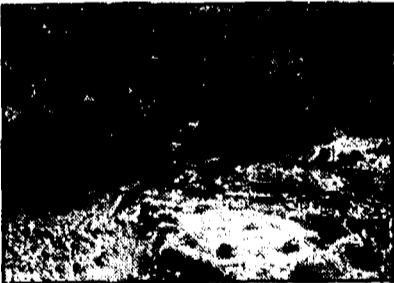
**GORGEOUS PARK-LIKE SETTING ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSALE RIVER** 2,196 s.f. brick 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, full finished walkout basement, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace with gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverside jacuzzi hot tub. This year around home is located close to state land, hunting, ski hills, and Northern Michigan's finest snowmobile trails. \$239,500 CH-2429



**FIVE SECLUDED ACRES OFF PRIVATE ROAD.** Peaceful setting with improvements built approx. 800' off private road. 1988 14 x 70 mobile with 3 bedroom, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, 10 x 18 deck, and 24 x 38 pole barn for all the toys. Has AUSALE River access (not recorded) off Stephen Bridge road through relatives property. CH-2260 \$49,900



**LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS!!** Completely renovated 1,250 s.f., 3 bedroom, and 1 bath home. Ceramic tile flooring, central A/C, raised six panel doors, drywall interior, whirlpool bath, and new 4 inch well. Adjoins State Land On West Side!! CH-2321 \$98,900



**AUSALE RIVER HEADWATERS. 60 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND** Bradford Creek frontage on each side. Second creek-tributary through acreage. Two streams with approximately 4,400' frontage. Ideal location for recreational hunting-fishing retreat. Electricity, gas, well. CH-2329 \$139,900

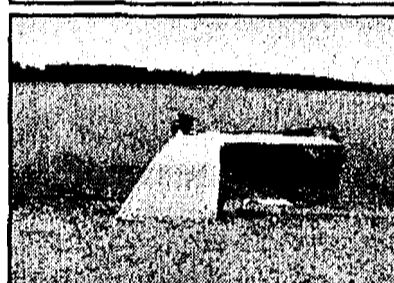
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**LAKESIDE LIVING! 58 FEET ON BEAUTIFUL CRAWFORD LAKE, KALKASKA.** Attractive waterfront cottage on 160 acre all sports lake, enjoy the sunrise from this clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offering 775 sq. ft. Features include open kitchen, dining and living area. Patio door off living room overlooking the lake. New maple floors in both bedrooms. Oak floor in kitchen and dining room. Drywall throughout with fresh paint. New bathroom vanity. Snack bar in kitchen. New aluminum dock with 8 x 10 platform. Turn key. Possession at closing. CS-2388 \$177,900



**WOW! LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY?** 3 bed, 1 bath, double city lot, open kitchen & dining area. Fresh paint, new vinyl siding. New floors in kitchen and dining. Washer, dryer & freezer included. Immediate occupancy. CS-2192 \$72,500



**10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS.** This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000

**NEWLY REMODELED HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!!** 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room, nice back yard with over 1/2 acre. New carpet, drywall and paint. New roof. Garage. Very Nice. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2313 \$89,500

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**Spacious, clean, energy efficient 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath family home** in the City of Grayling. Plenty of storage, gas brick fireplace, ceiling fans, forced-in-back yard, large deck with built-in seating. New landscaping in front. Must see the inside to appreciate what this home has to offer. \$79,500 #5779



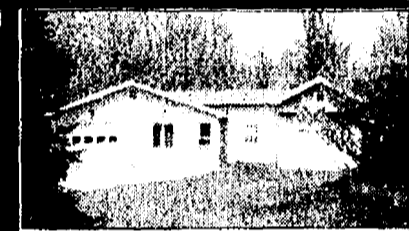
**Sparkling 3 bedroom 2 bath home in Sherwood Forest.** Natural gas hot water heat/central air/4" well/covered porch/3 season room/shed and finished attached garage all just 10 years old. #5681 \$98,000



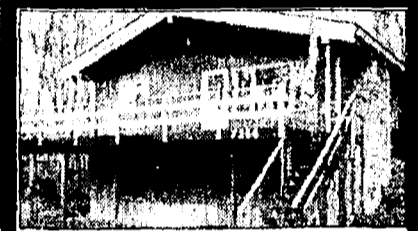
**This home has 1800 square feet with spacious rooms on one level, there is about 900 square feet upstairs that has not been finished.** Nice big yard along with 11 x 44 large garage with separate heated work shop. This has been kept up very nicely and is just a short walk to Horseshoe Lake and also right on the snowmobile trail. \$139,900 #5735



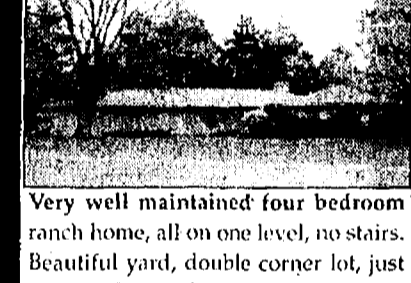
**76' OF SANDY BEACH FRONT!!** This first class home offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, walk-out fully finished basement with 20' bar. Heated ceramic flooring. Ceiling fans in every room, beautiful decking. Attached 2.5 car garage, fire-pit and dock at the beach are just some of this stunning homes features. \$279,900 #5654



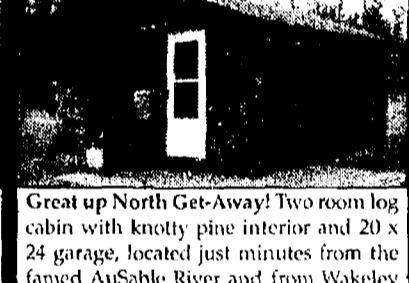
**Great Place at the Right Price.** This lot backs up to State Land with Trails 150' away. Updates include: windows, roof, electric, well, furnace. Located about 1 mile north of Kalkaska. #5682 \$59,900



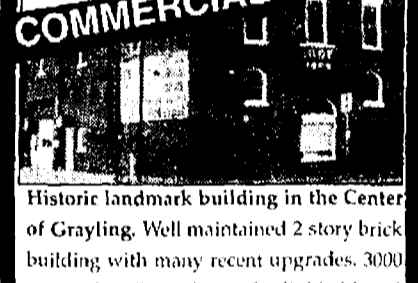
**3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walk-out basement, close to public access, with a view of tranquil K.P. Lake and a garage for the toys.** A peaceful setting, summer, winter, spring or fall. #5605 \$99,900



**Very well maintained four bedroom ranch home, all on one level, no stairs.** Beautiful yard, double corner lot, just outside the city limits. Close to hospital, schools and library. Neat as a pin, move right in. \$128,500 #5684



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132' of Houghton Lake canal water frontage with view of the West shore on a remote and private road. Home features cathedral tongue & groove wood ceilings, sky-lights, insulated 16x7' porch, central A/C, open floor-plan with separate dining area, 200 amp electric service with generator back-up, plus 2-story barn style garage with 20' x 10' room above. #247869 \$154,000



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Beautiful, spacious 4 bedroom 3 bath home on 2 lots in Lake Of The North, Osceola Co. Tile, hardwood floors, fresh paint and new carpet. Large heated 3-car garage to store the toys. Outdoor wood furnace for efficient heating of hot water and home. Front deck to sit and enjoy the evenings. #245098 \$123,000



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Nice square 10 for hunting, snowmobiling, or just relaxing in the woods. There is an older mobile that needs TLC, a well, no electric and a large white shed. #243082 \$27,000

Great 10 acre parcel offers mixed variety of tree cover, a hill, and adjoins State Land on South and East side. Great property to build new home with a walk-out basement or just to enjoy. Close to Manistow River and trails. #246818 \$39,900

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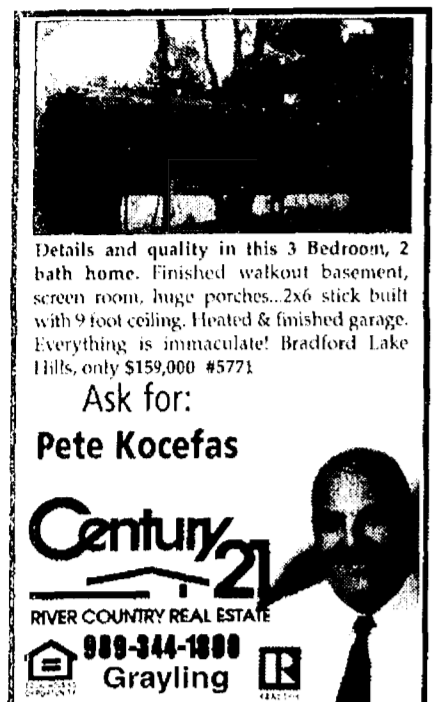
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### 1. Real Estate



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**HOUSE FOR RENT** in downtown Grayling. Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath, inside completely remodeled. \$500 a month, plus utilities. Call 586-899-4405. (-26-2/2)

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### 1. Real Estate

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Application Deadline: October 31, 2006

Description: Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, this position is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, supervision, delivery and evaluation of comprehensive year-round, seasonal and special recreational activities and programs for the Grayling Recreation Authority.

- Develops schedules, coordinates volunteers and program officials.
- Directs and evaluates recreational programs.
- Reviews and evaluates the success of programs and makes recommendations for continuation or cancellation.
- Prepares Grant applications and sponsorship requests to enhance recreation programs.
- Marketing and promotion of programs through advertising, including the creation of seasonal brochures, news releases, flyers, pamphlets and all public relation materials.
- Performs related tasks as required for the organization.
- May be required to physically set up programs.
- Evening and weekend hours may be required on a regular basis.

Requirements:  
Minimum of (2) years experience, or a Bachelors Degree in Recreation Management, Parks & Recreation, Sports Management, Administration, Business Management, or related field. Must be a U.S. Resident.

Employer Information:  
The Grayling Recreation Authority (G.R.A.) is a 501c3 non-profit organization, located in Grayling, Michigan. G.R.A. Manages and Operates Hanson Hills Recreation Area, The Grayling Fish Hatchery, along with providing various recreational programs and special events for the community of Grayling.

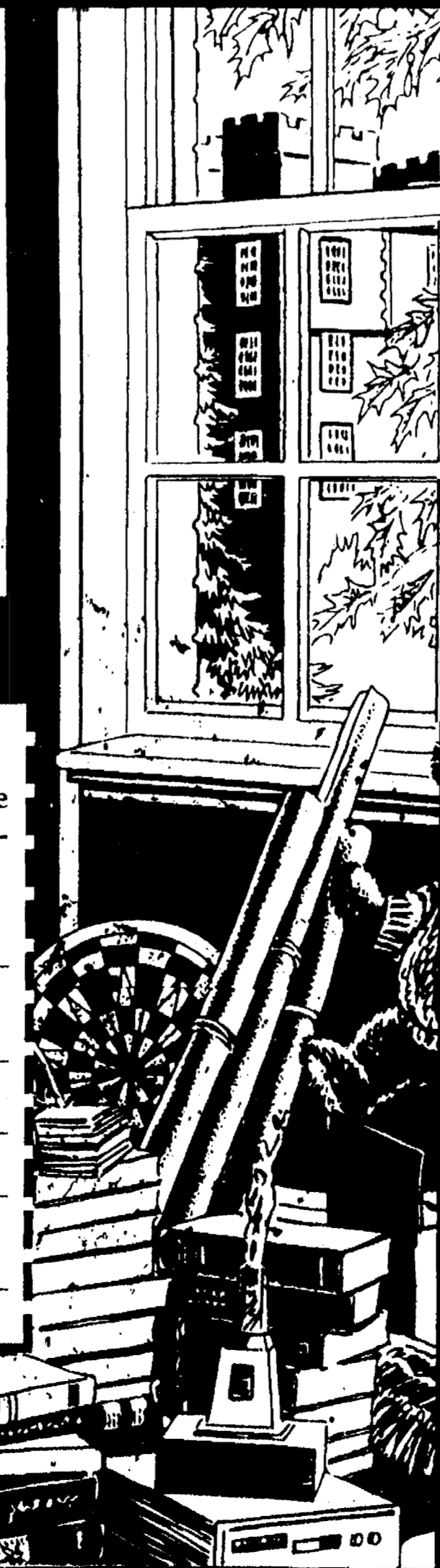
Contact Information: The Grayling Recreation Authority P.O. Box 361 Grayling, Michigan 49738 Phone: 989-348-9266 Fax: 989-348-1393 Email: hansonhills@hotmail.com Web: WWW.HANSONHILLS.ORG

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**HAPPY 19th BIRTHDAY JOSH** you have done nothing but made us proud, you will be sadly missed. Love, your sister Jen, Keith, and Kaden. (-26/9)

### 10. Garage Sale

**SCHOOL FURNITURE SALE** Frederic Elementary School, Sat. Oct. 28, from 9 - 3 pm. Includes: student desks and chairs, work stations, tables, chairs, air conditioners, shelving, books, supplies, cabinets, misc. furniture. (-26/10)

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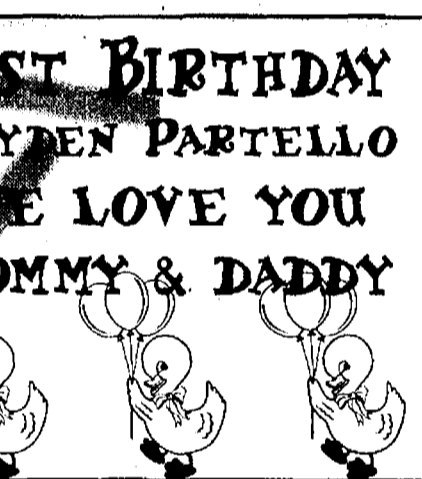
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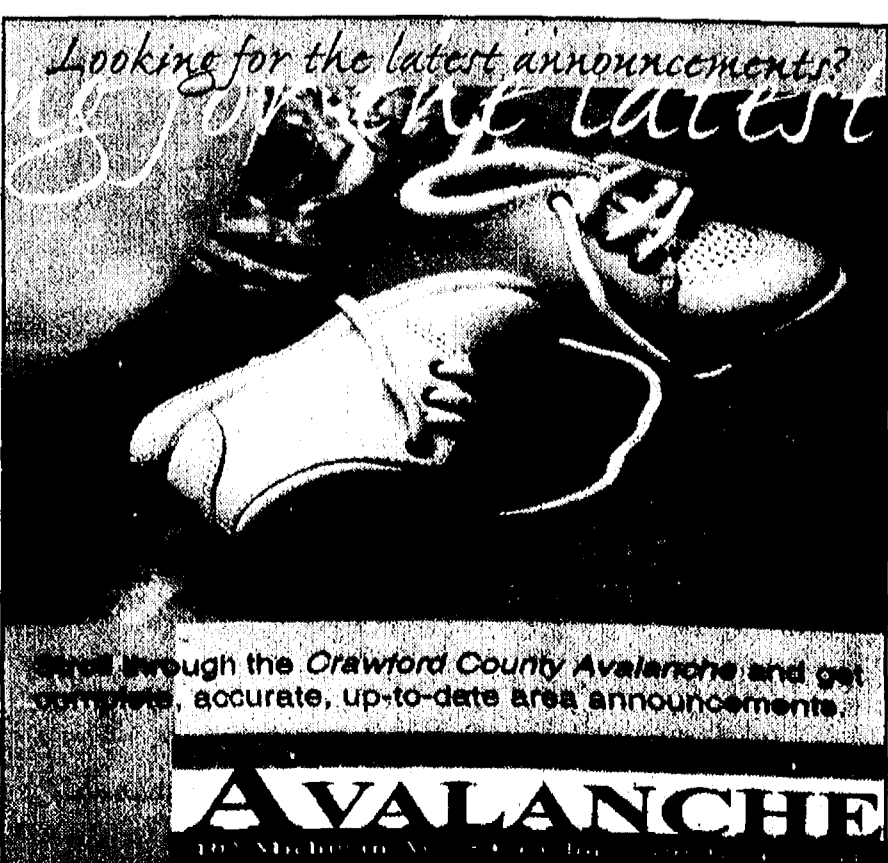
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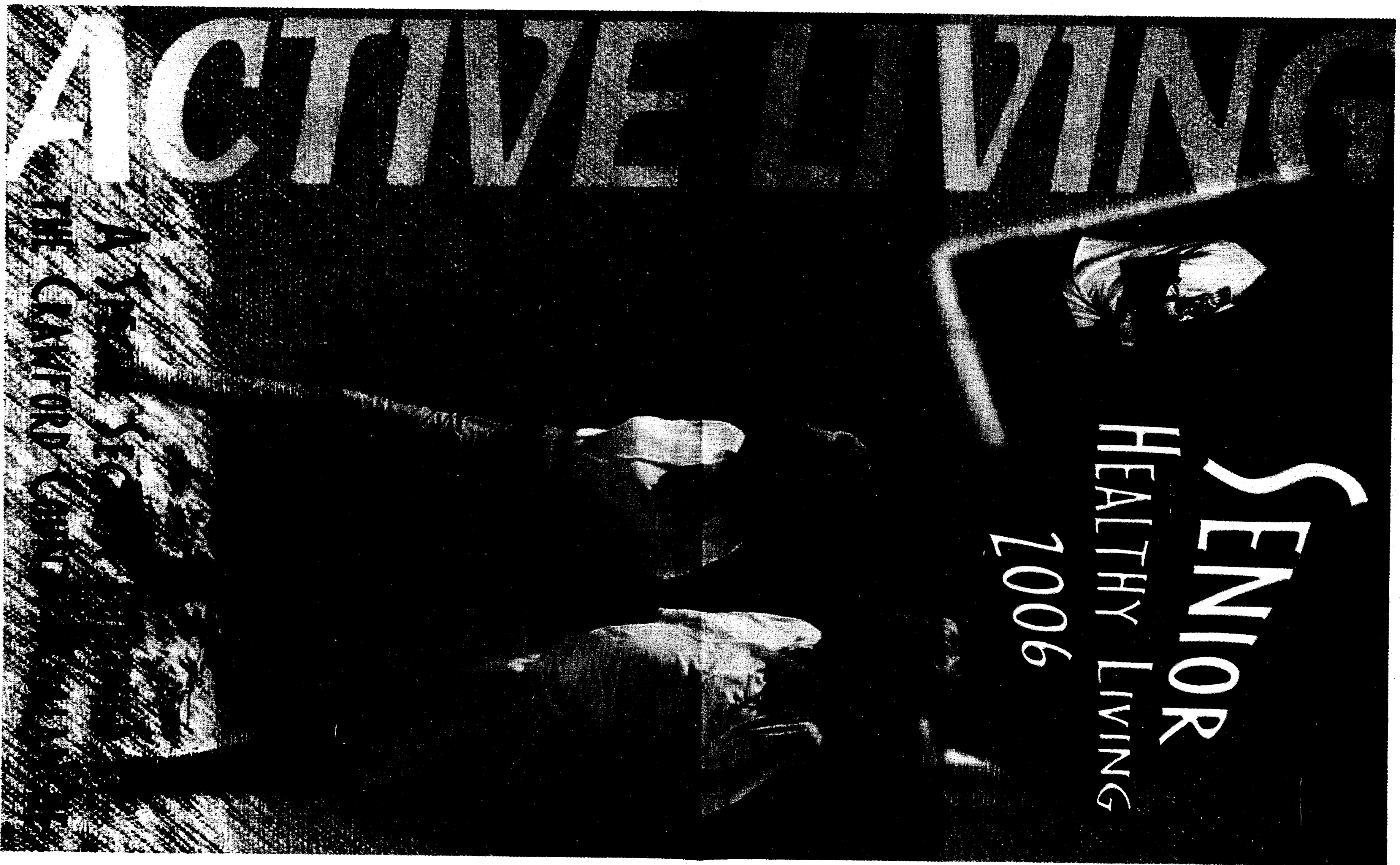
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# Helping seniors stay active and healthy: A doctor's care makes a difference

(ARA) – What a difference a few decades make. Today's seniors are living longer, healthier lives than their parents did.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the average life expectancy in America is now 77.9 years – the highest it has ever been. Back in the 1940s when today's retirees were born it was 62.9. When their parents were born around the turn of the century it was more like 50.

So what has changed? The introduction of new drugs and vaccines, improvements in living standards and advances in health care. There were 50,000 fewer U.S. deaths in 2004, the biggest single-year drop in mortality since the 1930s, with the largest reductions due to improvements in treating heart disease, cancer and stroke.

"We're doing more than ever before to help keep seniors healthy, including cancer screenings, managing multiple medications and providing counseling on ways to stay healthy, like how to quit smoking," says Dr. J. Edward Hill of the American Medical

Association.

But seniors are in danger of losing wide-spread access to physicians because of drastic Medicare cuts. The Medicare Trustees Report, released earlier this year, projects that payments to Medicare physicians will be cut about 40 percent over the next nine years. At the same time, the government projects practice cost increases of about 20 percent.

"Doctors are stuck between a rock and a hard place as they try to do more to improve the quality of medical care for seniors while being penalized with lower Medicare payments," notes Dr. Hill.

If Medicare payments don't keep up with increasing practice costs, doctors will be forced to make difficult decisions. Nearly half of the physicians polled in a recent survey say that next year's cut will force them to either decrease or stop seeing new Medicare patients. This is frightening news for the seniors who rely on Medicare now for health care, and for the baby boomers who will begin to age into Medicare in just five years.

"Seniors want to enjoy their retirement, and they're turning to physicians for advice on how to stay healthy," says Dr. Hill. "I love my senior patients, but it will

be difficult for doctors to care for the nation's growing elderly population if the government keeps cutting Medicare payments."

For optimal health, Dr. Hill of the AMA advises seniors to:

- Keep a list of all your current medications, including prescriptions, over-the-counter and herbals to bring to medical appointments.

- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure: Take advantage of preventive health screenings for vision, hearing and early screenings for diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

- Exercise regularly to stay fit and reduce arthritis pain and disability.

- Create a "living will" so your health care wishes are known if you can't speak for yourself.

- Talk to your doctor about safe driving skills.

- Quit smoking.

- Get an annual flu shot.

- Tell your members of Congress to preserve seniors' access to physicians by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts.

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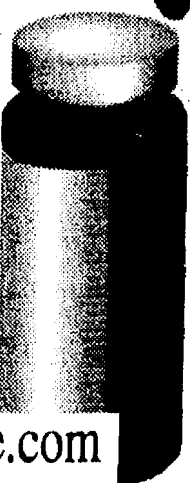
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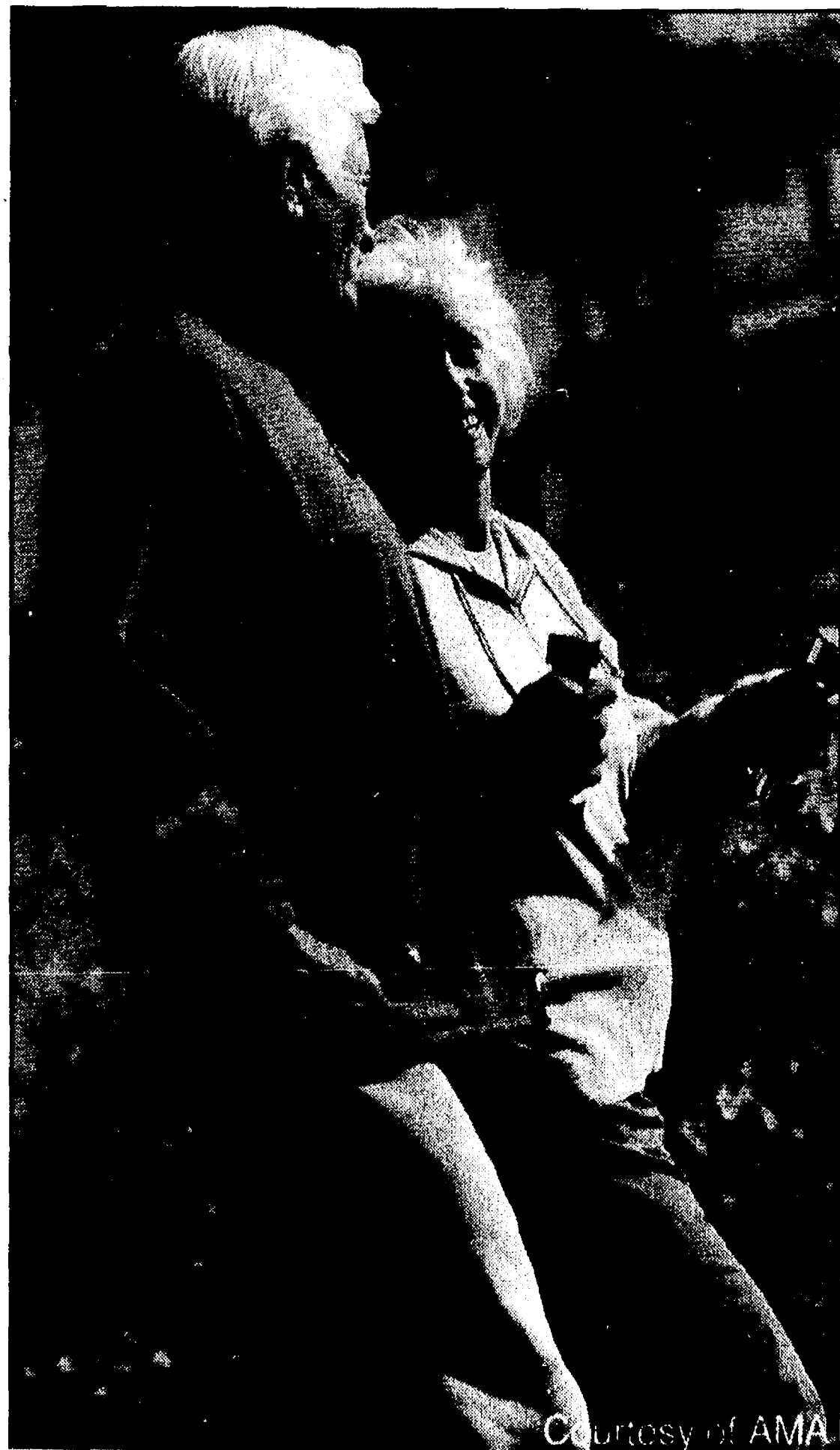
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## Treating osteoarthritis pain while gardening

(NewsUSA) – Gardening can be a rewarding experience for people of all ages and a life-long passion to many. However, for Americans who suffer from osteoarthritis, tending to plants and perennials during their golden years may be difficult and painful. According to the Arthritis Foundation, there are some simple modifications that can help keep your garden growing with ease.

- First, create a garden that helps you. Before you even get started, arrange your garden in a way that makes your tasks easier and conserves your energy. For example, make sure your garden has a nearby water source so you don't have to carry watering cans or hoses and keep tools and storage close.

- Choose your plants wisely. Don't be afraid to ask about plants that require little care, such as ones that don't need regular pruning or maintenance. Plant shrubs or perennials that bloom every year so you don't have to replant each time.

- Set your posture clock. Maintain good posture at all times. Switch tasks every thirty minutes or so and take fifteen-minute breaks every hour to ease tension and reduce stiffness. And stretch before you begin to get your body ready for activity and help prevent injuries.

- Bend, pinch and cut correctly. If you have to work close to the ground, place only one knee on the ground and keep your back straight, or use a stool.

- Update your tools. The equipment you use can make a big difference. Wear a carpenter's apron with several pockets to hold tools. Keep pruners sharp to make cutting easier. Use hoes or rakes that have long handles to avoid bending or stooping. Widen tool handles with foam tubing or grip tape to make them easier to grasp.

But if you do suffer from pain after over-doing it in the garden, David Baras, M.D., of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of South Florida School of Medicine has tips to reduce the soreness and pain.

- Listen to your body. Pain as a result of gardening often sets in hours after weeding the flower beds. Don't try to do the entire garden project in one day, especially if it is a large one. Break it up into several small parts and over several days.

- Treat the pain. For his patients whose osteoarthritis pain is exacerbated by stressful joint activities like gardening, Baras recommends an over-the-counter pain reliever like acetaminophen. Baras encourages people to talk to their doctor about which pain reliever is right

for them.

- Soak and stretch. If you have sore muscles, try soaking in a warm bath to help soothe your joints. Stretch before and after activity to help maintain flexibility and range of motion.



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## Keep good memory on your mind

Here's good news for anyone who wants to boost their brain power: Doctors recommend the following tips for helping to improve a person's memory.

- Exercise to be wise. The old adage "use it or lose it" may hold true for brain functioning. A recent study in the Archives of Neurology reports that exercise significantly cuts a person's risk of Alzheimer's and other memory loss. It is thought that exercise is beneficial because the activity helps maintain blood flow and lowers high blood pressure and cholesterol—all of which can affect

the brain.

- Jog your memory. Similarly to physical exercise, studies suggest that mental exercise can help maintain memory health. Experts say activities ranging from the simple—writing, associating names with places—to the more complex—playing chess, card games or crosswords—can keep memories sharp. In addition, regular social activity has been shown to increase memory function.

- Supplement your memory. Many people take supplements and vitamins to slow memory loss. Vitamin E, for example, is an

antioxidant capable of neutralizing free radicals that can damage brain cells. In addition, both phospholipids and specific fatty acids have been found to help compensate for memory loss caused by age, stress, diet and more. Doctors say certain dietary supplements may help enhance memory and keep minds sharp.

- Food for thought. When it comes to the mind, diet does matter. Nutritionists say a balanced diet that includes fish, fiber and leafy green vegetables can help people think clearly, feel alert and help keep memory clear.

## Three keys to help ease joint pain

(NUI) — Back in the late 1990s, more than 40 million Americans suffered from arthritis — the painful, often debilitating disease that can affect every joint in the body.

As baby boomers age and the elderly are living longer, the number of people who have arthritis is rising.

Today, a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes an alarming increase. In just over five years, the study states that 70 million Americans (or one in three people) wake up with joint pain radiating from their back, knees, knuckles or elbows.

Although arthritis knows no gender or age group, older individuals seem to be prime candidates for the disease for reasons ranging from loss of bone density or bone mass to lack of flexibility.

In addition, there is a misperception among the older generation that exercising will aggravate already aching joints. On the contrary, remaining active, especially for seniors, is one of the most important things that can be done to prevent or, at the very least, manage the pain associated with arthritis.

So whether you are interested in minimizing the effects of the disease or simply reducing your risk,

use these tips as a basic guideline:

- Maintain an appropriate weight. Extra pounds add unnecessary strain to the joints, so it is important to find out what weight is right for you.

- Exercise to maintain fitness and flexibility. Remaining active — whether that means keeping your Sunday golf date or simply rooting around in your garden — is key to limiting the impact that arthritis can have over your life.

- Seek early diagnosis. Consulting your doctor whenever you experience joint pain is essential to preventing joint damage and ensuring that you can continue with an active life.

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# The best ways to support a friend with cancer

(ARA) — One in every three women will be diagnosed with cancer over the course of her life. More than 33 percent of these diagnoses will result from breast cancer, making it the most common cancer to affect women. In fact, this year alone nearly 700,000 women will be diagnosed with some form of cancer. These statistics make it abundantly clear that cancer touches all Americans in some way, either directly or in the life of a loved one. Research suggests that when struggling with cancer, individuals who feel supported are more able to cope psychologically with the physical and emotional burdens of their disease.

"In my experience, after being diagnosed with cancer, most people are faced with the feeling of helplessness and despair. I have found that having someone to stand by my side gives me the will to continue my battle," comments cancer survivor Becky Johnson.

Although most people want to help loved ones during this challenging time, it's often hard to know where to begin. Here are some meaningful ways to make a difference in the life of a woman battling cancer:

- **Keep track:** Five lovingly-made meals may be an appreciated gift, but probably not if they arrive all at once! Create a communal calendar where friends and family can sign up for simple chores and meal preparation. Even better, post the calendar online to make it easy for everyone to access.

- **Make the cut:** Fifty-eight per-

cent of cancer patients fear losing hair more than any other effect of cancer treatment; 8 percent even consider foregoing such treatments to avoid losing their hair. People across the country (including actress Diane Lane) are cutting off their ponytails to help out! Pantene Beautiful Lengths, the first program to turn donated hair into real-hair wigs for women undergoing cancer treatment, is helping women regain some of the self confidence that hair loss may have taken from them. Visit [www.beautifullengths.com](http://www.beautifullengths.com) to see how to get involved.

- **Lend an ear:** Be ready to listen if a loved one would like to talk — either about their illness or something else. Initially, a person battling cancer may not be able to speak about what they're going through, but it can help to know that a sympathetic listener is there when they are ready to talk.

- **Spare the time:** Support groups provide strength and inspiration to patients and their families through discussion and community. Though they are usually led by trained professionals, support groups often rely on general volunteers for critical help before, during and after meetings. Local chapters of the American Cancer Society are a great resource for more information on how to become involved.

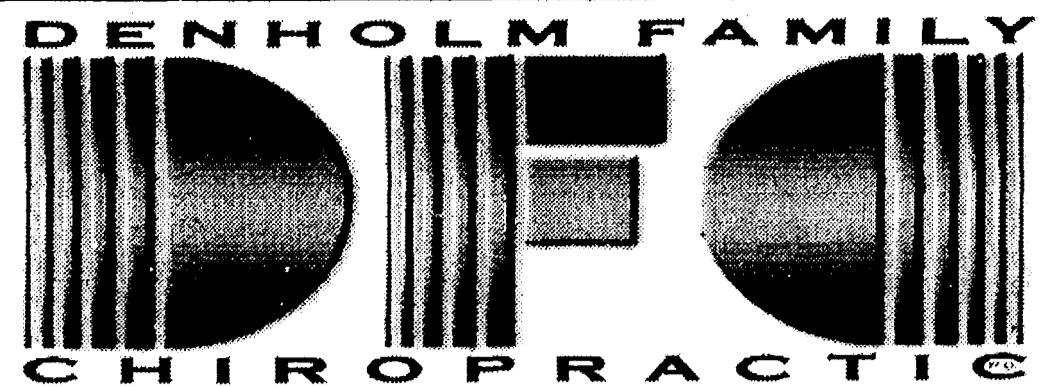
- **Don't wait to be asked:** Walking the dog, mowing the lawn, even doing the dishes can often seem overwhelming to a person with cancer. It doesn't take much time to make an ill person's day much eas-

ier.

- **Share the wealth:** Initiatives like the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Research Fund ([www.wcrf.org](http://www.wcrf.org)) support innovative research, education and outreach directed at the development of more effective approaches to the early diagnosis, treatment and prevention of all women's cancers.

Most importantly, reach out to loved ones during the greatest fight of their lives. Anxiety, fear, depression, grief and loss are all common feelings among women battling cancer. Knowing that they are loved, appreciated and cared for can be a tremendous psychological boon.

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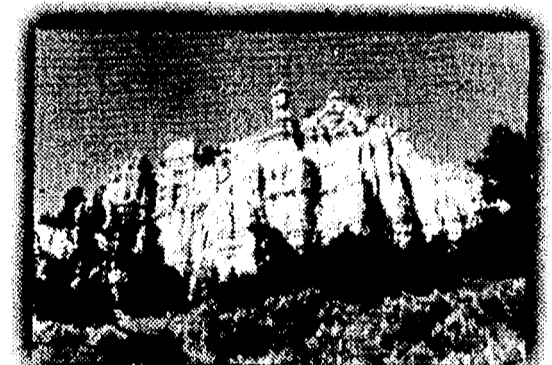
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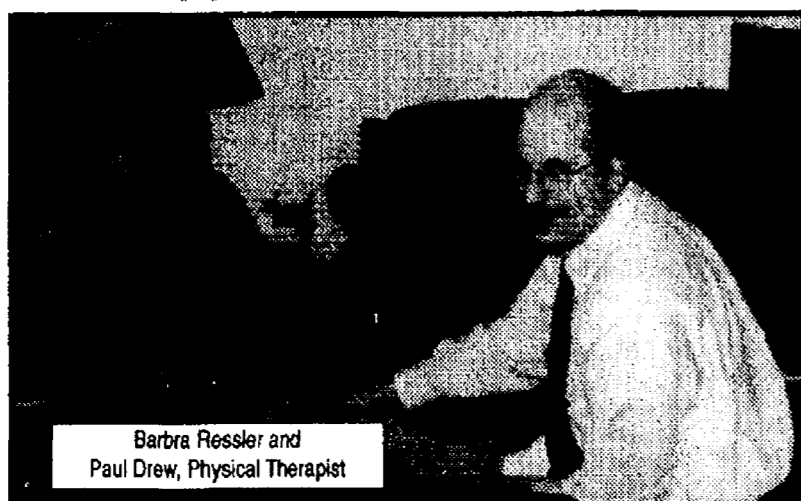


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# Four tips to retire with a healthy, active lifestyle

(NewsUSA) – Being a senior citizen does not mean you can't be as active as you once were. Age slows down only those who are slow in making the right choices.

With some precautions and a healthy lifestyle, your retirement years can be filled with fun, romance and adventure. While you're planning activities to keep you busy, remember that taking care of your health is the all-

important first step to maintaining an active lifestyle.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind for a healthier life:

- Be a positive thinker. Maintaining a positive attitude – and a sense of humor – is believed to make a difference in your overall health and well-being.

- Exercise regularly. For starters, try walking, water aerobics or yoga. Be sure to consult your doctor before starting a new

exercise regimen.

- Don't skip meals, especially breakfast. Add fiber to your daily diet and drink plenty of fluids. Limit consumption of foods high in sugar, salt, saturated fat and calories.

- Ask your pharmacist about multivitamins especially formulated for people age 55 and older. For those who don't like to or can't take pills, consider supplements available in liquid form.



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# It's More Than Just Cholesterol: Survey Shows Doctors Recognize the Risks, but Patients Remain in the Dark

(ARA) — Results from a new national survey from the National Lipid Association (NLA) show that although physicians are aware of the dangers of high triglycerides, patients — including those at greatest risk — are unaware of the heart risks they can pose, and are largely uninformed about triglycerides in general.

Triglycerides are a type of fat (or lipid) found in the blood that is produced by the body and ingested from food. So-called "good," or HDL cholesterol, and "bad," or LDL cholesterol are other types of lipids. All three blood fats are measured as part of a standard lipid blood test.

According to national guidelines, a normal triglyceride level is under 150 mg/dL. Elevated triglycerides have been linked to serious illnesses including heart disease, kidney disease and pancreatitis. In fact, the risk of developing coronary artery disease doubles when triglyceride levels are above 200 mg/dL. If your triglycerides are above 200 mg/dL and your "good" (HDL) cholesterol is below 40 mg/dL, you are at four times the risk. These risks are a widespread concern, with more than 100 million Americans living with unhealthy lipid levels, according to the American Heart Association.

The Moving Beyond Cholesterol survey, which included 2,089 patients and 510 doctors, demonstrates that while nearly 9 out of 10 doctors agreed that elevated triglycerides are an independent risk for heart disease, only 13 percent of patients knew the accepted national guidelines for healthy levels. In fact, the overwhelming majority of physicians felt patients did not understand triglycerides or recog-

nize the differences between them and cholesterol.

The survey also found that although 67 percent of physicians reported having discussed healthy triglyceride levels with their patients, fewer than half of patients who had discussed lipids with their doctor recalled talking specifically about triglycerides.

"The findings clearly show that we, as physicians, need to do a more thorough job of being sure our patients understand the cardiovascular risk of unhealthy lipid levels, including often-ignored triglycerides," said Jerome D. Cohen, M.D., director of Preventive Cardiology Programs at St. Louis University Health Sciences Center and chairman of the National Lipid Association Consumer Affairs Committee.

## Women and People with Diabetes at Greater Risk

Elevated triglycerides are an even more significant risk factor for women than men. An increase in triglyceride levels of 88 mg/dL increases the risk of developing cardiovascular disease by 37 percent for women, compared to 14 percent for men. Despite the fact that elevated triglycerides pose a greater threat to women than to men, significantly fewer women reported having discussed the risks associated with high triglycerides with their doctor.

Among people with diabetes, who are already at increased risk of heart attack and stroke, and for whom high triglycerides are an especially important and common problem, only 15 percent correctly identified normal levels of triglycerides.

## Need for Education

The survey, which was conducted

by Harris Interactive in July and August 2006, demonstrates the need for improved patient education. Though doctors reported having discussed lipids with 3 out of 4 patients, more than 9 out of 10 doctors agreed that most of their patients need to learn more about lipid management. Unfortunately, only 43 percent of patients surveyed said they had discussed lipids with a healthcare provider, suggesting the need to reinforce lipid education.

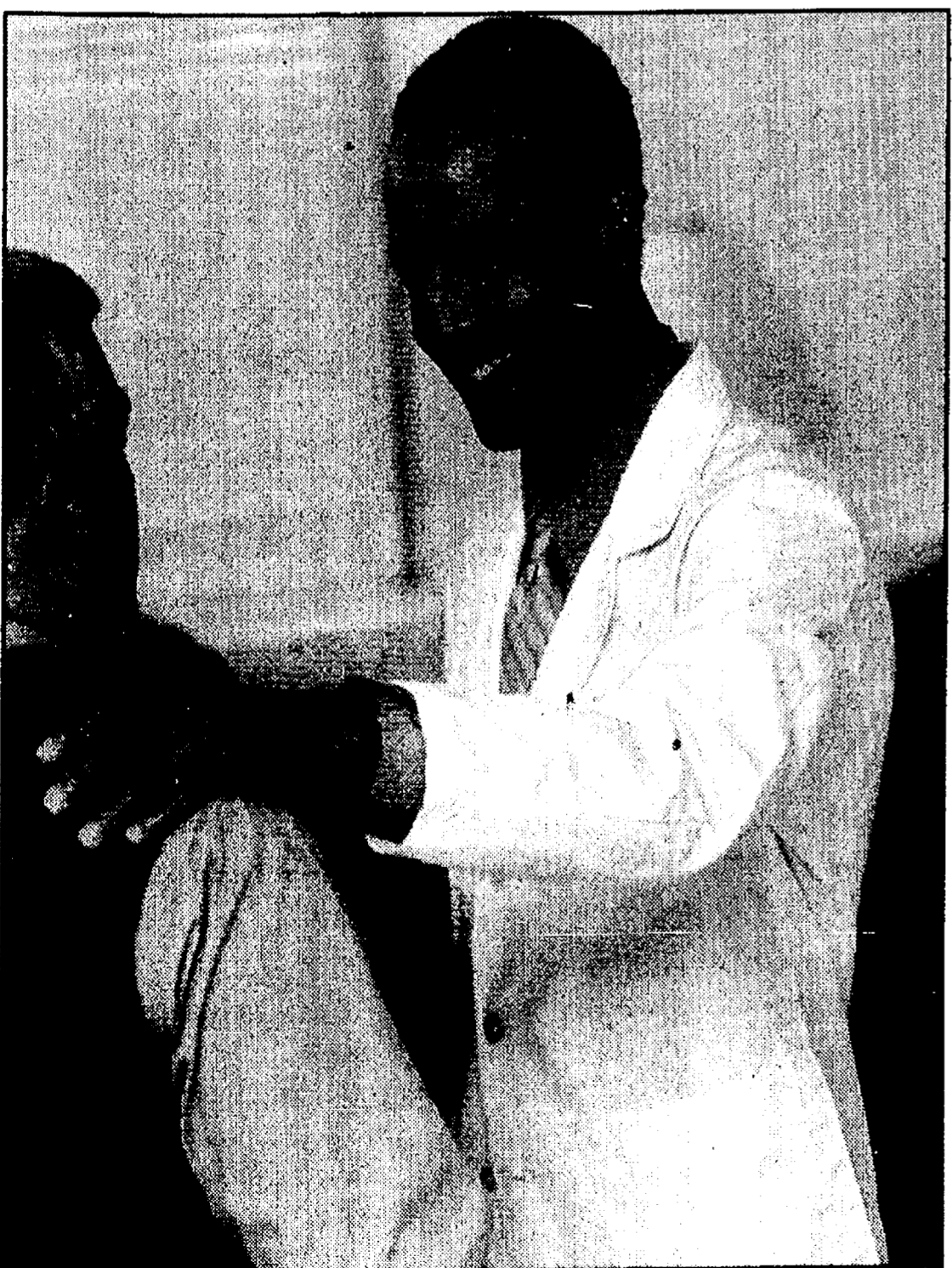
Encouragingly, patients who reported discussing triglycerides with their physicians were more likely than average to be aware of normal levels, pointing to the positive educational impact physicians can have on their patients.

## About the National Lipid Association

The National Lipid Association (NLA) is a multidisciplinary non-profit membership association that serves the community of healthcare professionals who manage patients with lipid disorders and cardiovascular disease. The NLA's public health mission is to help reduce deaths related to high cholesterol. For more information, please see the NLA Web site at [www.lipid.org](http://www.lipid.org).

Funding for this survey was provided by an educational grant from Abbott.

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# Lifestyle tips for managing arthritis pain

(NewsUSA) — One out of three adults in the U.S. suffers from arthritis or chronic joint problems, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

Some may get twinges upon awakening; others are so seriously and chronically debilitated that simply driving or washing the dishes causes agony.

Either way, arthritis is a major health problem. Whether you want to prevent contracting the disease or decrease the symptoms if you already have it, here are some steps you can take toward relief:

- Exercise. Regular physical activity strengthens the muscles that support arthritic joints, increases range of motion in the joints and, by reducing body

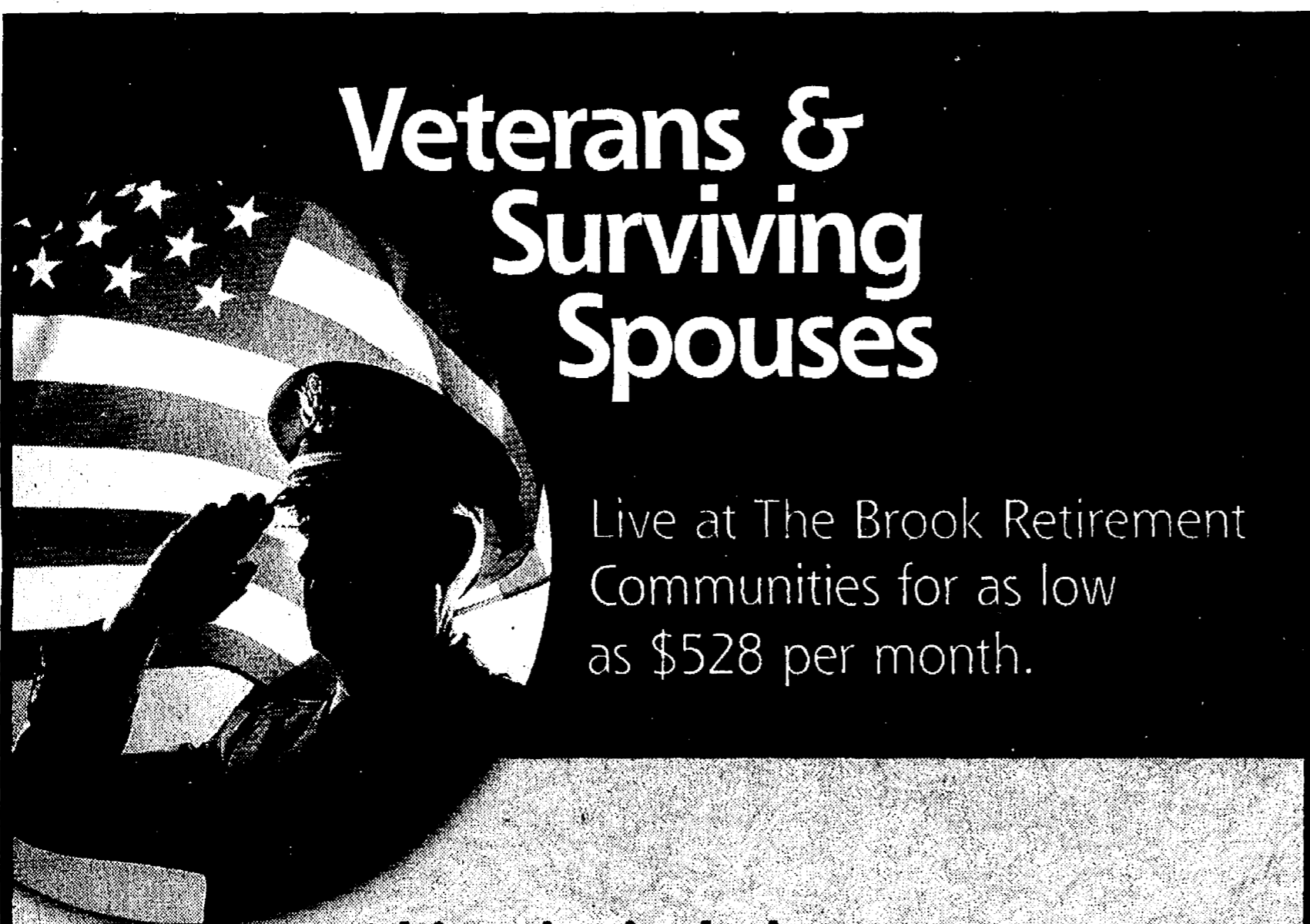
weight, lessens the load the joints must bear.

- Find a hobby. The Arthritis Foundation reports that hobbies can have a positive effect on pain management by diverting the mind's attention away from physical and psychological pain. In a 2005 study, doctors found that older people with arthritis who listened to music for 20 minutes daily had less pain than those who simply sat and did nothing for the same length of time.

- Try supplements. You don't need a doctor's prescription to try a variety of supplements.

- Get more sleep. Inadequate sleep leads to an increase in arthritis pain and to a gain in weight, which stresses the joints even more.

- Eat well. Certain foods may help prevent arthritis or help reduce its symptoms. Specifically, the following could make a difference: omega-3 fatty acids (found in cold-water fish, walnuts and soybean kernels); selenium, an antioxidant in shellfish and whole-grain products; vitamin D (sources include eggs, fortified breads, cereals and milk); and vitamin C (berries and citrus fruits).



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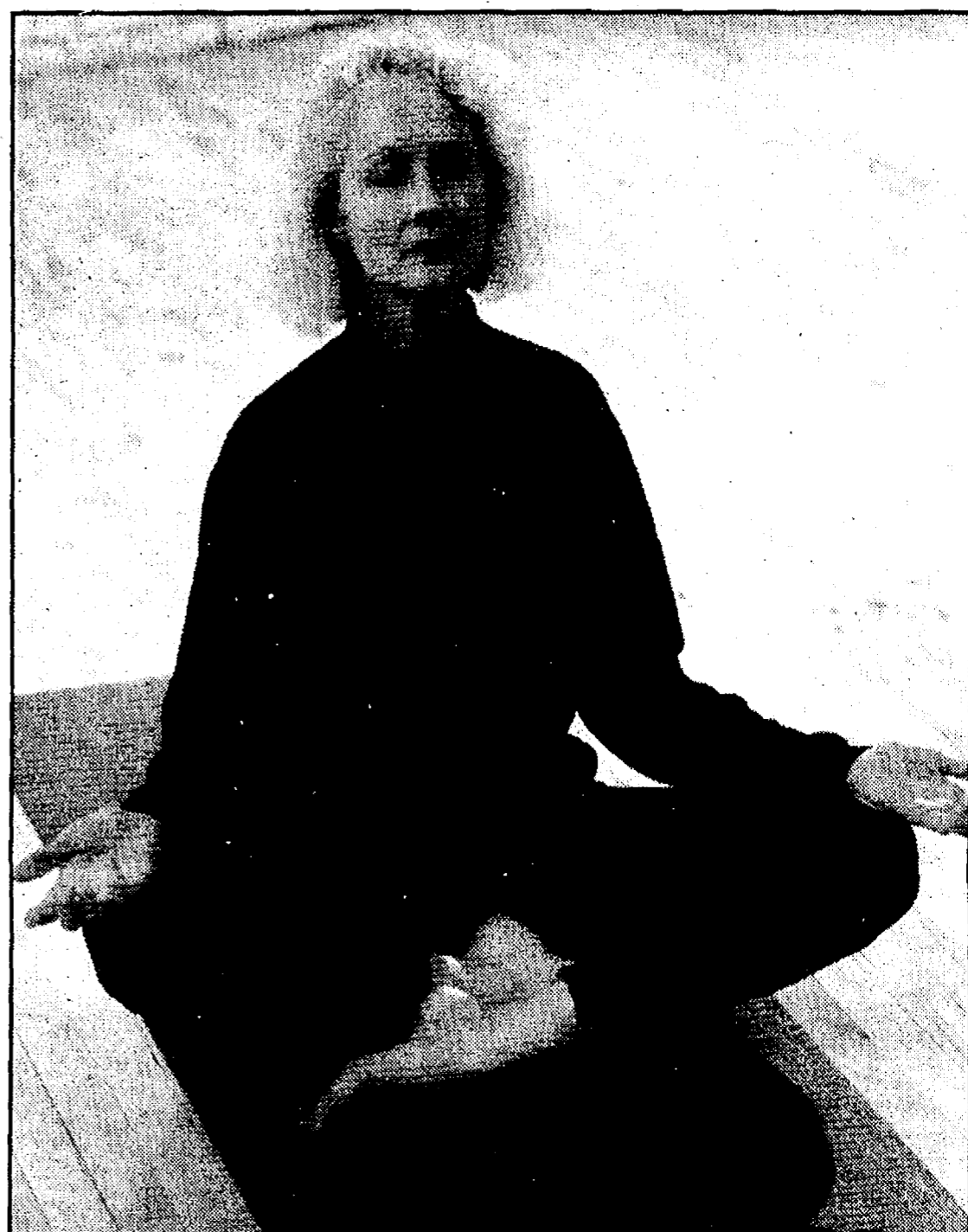
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